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	Page 242	T		Page 24
1	Q Okay.	1		just the first part of that question,
2	A Yeah, ability to discriminate. By	2	if I	
3	discriminate here, I mean, you know, pool different	3	Q	Yeah, I mean. Let me back up. Because
4	people amongst partisan affiliations, both of what	4	it's a lit	tle bit hard to articulate.
5	they associate for themselves and, you know	5	T	his study, in your testimony, talks
6	Q Right.	6	about p	artisan discrimination or discrimination
7	A for the co-partisans and the	7	based o	n partisan belief, right?
8	anti-partisans.	8	A	Uh-huh.
9	Q So but this study doesn't talk about	9	Q	Yes?
10	discrimination against licensed gun owners	10	A	Partisan, say ident identification.
11	specifically, right?	11	Q	Partisan identification. I think that's
12	A No. Just discrimination against people	12	a better	way to say it.
13	you would associate with the NRA logo.	13	A	and as part of that, the authors used the
14	Q Right. Or or right.	14	NRA lo	ogo and received certain reactions on a
15	So discrimination based upon association	15	partisar	a basis to the NRA logo; is that fair?
16	with the NRA logo, right?	16	A	Yes.
17	A That's correct.	17	Q	Okay. And what I'm trying to assume is
18	Q Okay. So this study, just to be clear,	18	that you	are then extrapolating and saying that the
19	it doesn't include any evidence or data of	1		ogo the reaction and discrimination of the
20	discrimination against individuals who are gun	1		ogo can be equally applied to individuals who
21	owners who that publicized as a result of Section	1		ensed handguns because of some sort of nexus
22	400, right?	1		ieve between handguns and NRA and the
1	A So PL 400 is not mentioned in this. All		NRA?	Page 24
2	it's establishing is that those who are identified	2		Right. So my claim, which I actually
	with a group like the National Rifle Association			s fairly uncontroversial, is that people
	experience discrimination by anti-partisans or			re again, the public's perception is that
	opposite partisans.	1	_	A has something to do with firearms. And
6	Q Right. But are you drawing then an	1		•
7				the same way, looking at somebody as being
	support the NRA and people who own legal permitted			ord as being a gun owner might elicit a
		8		judgment or reaction as finding out that
10	handguns?	110	_	was associated with the NRA.
	A Yes. My suggestion is that the National	10	_	Uh-huh.
11	The second of th	11		So, yeah, the operative word being
	guns.	1		n," which again, I don't think this is
13	Q Right.		•	controversial, that the National Rifle
14	A In people's minds.	1		ation is associated with firearms.
15	Q But isn't it fair to assume that the	15		Do you think that New Yorkers as a whole
16	NRA people who discriminate against the NRA have	16	assume	that every individual who owns a licensed
17	and an end of the broad and the group beyond	17	handgu	in are members of the NRA and discriminate
18	the ownership of a licensed permitted gun?	18	against	them equally?
19	A Say it again.	19	A	There's two parts to that question. The
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Q Sure. Are --

Q -- are you --

A Is it impossible to --

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²⁰ first question, if I understood you: Do I think

21 members of the public in New York assume all

22 handgun owners are NRA numbers? It wouldn't

Page 248 Page 246 I think you've answered the question. ¹ surprise me if they think of them similarly. It's Yeah, that -- that seems like an obvious ² not obvious to me that they would believe with 3 certainty they have card-carrying NRA memberships 3 association to me. And I think it -- it would need some serious argument to present evidence that 4 in their wallet. people don't think of gun owners as aligned with But it is my opinion that people would the NRA. 6 believe that those who are associated with the NRA might also be those who are gun owners. O That's interesting. Because on the -- on the Democrat side, they used the Greenpeace logo. Q And isn't it possible that people's Do you see that, on page 3 of Exhibit 3? 9 associational reaction to the NRA logo in this 10 10 study were more based upon the NRA's positions with A That's correct. 11 And, similarly, I'm wondering -- I mean 11 respect to assault weapons and their hard-line 12 so they're suggesting in this report that -- what 12 position with respect to no background checks, is Greenpeace? Do you know what Greenpeace is? 13 rather than ownership of a licensed permitted gun? A I suppose that's speculation. And -- and 14 A Sure. O It's an advocacy group that supports 15 it's partly a question of -- again, you're not 15 16 environmental rights and environmental changes? 16 asking necessarily about what we think, but what A That's correct. ¹⁷ about the average member of the public thinks. 18 And what this seems to show is -- well, 18 Q Okay. So what I'm suggesting when I'm 19 there's, again, two things important, is this issue 19 reading and thinking is that -- does someone who --20 in the community who is -- conducts themselves in a ²⁰ of say gun affiliation is identified, whether you 21 "green" manner, are they discriminated against in 21 like it or not, with a partisan affiliation. That 22 seems uncontroversial, that when people see the NRA 22 the same way that someone who wears a Greenpeace Page 249 1 logo, they are grouping it with a certain larger 1 T-shirt is, or is it -- is the association with ² political identity. So that seems to be rather ² Greenpeace, and that's what's -- and that's what 3 the discrimination is based upon --3 uncontroversial. Now, the -- the larger speculation: A Right. ⁵ Could it be the case that a sophisticated person is -- not the underlying conduct? ⁶ able to distinguish and disambiguate certain policy A Yeah, so, again, to be clear in the 7 positions by the NRA and not group every gun owner 7 context of this study, first of all, what's being 8 in America just with that, and have more animus 8 done with these logos this is -- is part of a -- a towards the NRA? Sure. so-called implicit association test. And one thing 10 10 it's trying to -- and what -- what actually people Do I think that's what the average 11 run-of-the-mill American thinks? I think they 11 are doing is they're on this computer. And they're trying to respond essentially with two buttons when would associate the NRA logo with gun owners. 13 something comes on the screen, and for different 13 Q Okay. Yeah, I mean I think what I'm 14 suggesting is that the NRA itself elicits a segments of it. 15 partisan response because it's the NRA, that is One segment will say every time you see a 16 different and not necessarily associational to the good word, press this button. Or any time you see 17 response that is elicited by someone who owns a ¹⁷ a Democrat logo, press this button. And any time 18 legal handgun. I think you're lumping them -you see a bad word or a Republican, press this 19 A Yes. 19 button. And these things are going in quick

22 together.

Q -- together. And I'm wondering, is that

21 the -- is that -- what the basis is of lumping them

20 succession. People are trying to press buttons and

21 associate as quickly as they can. And it turns out

22 that unconsciously people are much better

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Page 252 Page 250 ¹ associating "good" with the things that they ¹ voluntariness matters a lot, that you can still ² already agree with. access the underlying right without actually having So at the end of the day, this is -to make that public disclosure and identity. 4 these stimuli are used to try to calibrate people's The other thing is that there's a 5 innate allegiance and identity with -- and, again, population imbalance here. It's one thing to be in 6 there's you know, the various stimuli here. And a state that's say 50/50, 60/40. But I -- you 7 then, once that's been established, the question might ask and speculate: Would it be more 8 is: How do they treat, you know, co- or controversial in New York to be associated with -anti-partisans or independents? 9 I don't know -- the state of Texas or more 10 10 controversial to be associated with the NRA? And Q Right. A And I think what this study -- I think in some sense -- I mean I -- I suspect the politics 12 that this study establishes two things very well. 12 here is a proxy for a whole bunch of things people 13 One, that a gun organization clearly has salience might discriminate against. If I had to guess, my 14 for political identity, and that political identity 14 guess is, you know, so there's gonna be some 15 itself is something people are willing to 15 average here, things are -- which, again, more or 16 discriminate upon. 16 less polarizing. My guess is that probably it's 17 MR. CHUCK COOPER: May I just interject? ¹⁷ gonna be more polarizing than simple identity, 18 MR. DAGUE: Okay. ¹⁸ but --19 MR. CHUCK COOPER: Yeah, at some point Q Okay. You just testified about the 20 soon --²⁰ voluntariness. Voluntariness might be an 21 21 important -- important factor in balancing these MR. DAGUE: Yep. 22 MR. CHUCK COOPER: -- if we could grab a 22 rights. Page 251 Page 253 break here. I asked you earlier with respect to MR. DAGUE: Yeah. Sure. Yeah. Yeah, voluntariness as it related to the contract --3 two minutes. Yep. ³ contracting an STD or mental hygiene -- or mental 4 BY MR. DAGUE: health. And you were not willing to say that. Q Do you know whether political party What's the distinction there, the 6 affiliation is publicly accessible information in voluntariness of owning a gun as distinct from the 7 New York? voluntariness of aligning with a policy party, so A I would assume if you actually choose to ⁸ you find that as a salient factor in the privacy, register for a party it is. but you don't find the voluntariness of owning a Q Okay. So would your opinion be that the gun versus the voluntariness of contracting --11 disclosure of that information, based on this 11 Yeah. 12 study, carries with it the same risk of -- schizophrenia to be a salient factor? 13 discrimination? A So let's be clear about the -- the nature A It -- well, there's two considerations. ¹⁴ of the voluntary action that's being discussed 15 One is you don't have to affiliate. You can still 15 here. I think the -- the -- one important test is 16 vote. So you might think of it, you know, a kind whether or not you can exercise some right without of opt-in system, where, you know, if it were the having to submit yourself to forms of invasion, 18 case that certain gun owners thought there was some forms of privacy. 19 public utility and they wanted to be part of this, And what seems to be very important in ²⁰ I have no objection to a -- a voluntary wish to 20 the -- in the voting case, first of all, under no

²¹ publicly disclose or put a sign on your front door,

22 whatever. So -- so I would say the -- the

21 circumstance can the actual details of your vote be

disclosed. Second of all, you cannot be prevented

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1	from accessing the ballot box if you don't	1	their	Page 256 how they actually act on those.
2	voluntary disclose your your party identity.	2	Q	Do you know where Doe Number 2 resides in
3	So it's now there's another set of	3	New Y	ork?
4	issues. There's other reasons for the integrity of	4	A	I'm sorry, do I
5	the electorial system for primaries where you might	5	Q	Do you know where Doe Number
6	require public disclosure for a very narrowly	6	A	Where?
7	tailored purpose; again, which is not putting up	7	Q	resides in
8	a an absolute barrier to your exercising that	8	A	No, I don't know where.
9	right.	9	Q	Do you know which county he resides in?
10	So it strikes me that there are there	10	A	I do not.
11	are obvious distinctions here. And, actually,	11	Q	Do you know anything about the politics
12	voluntariness isn't maybe even the most important	12	of Putn	am County New York?
13	one. But it's you know, at baseline, are we not	13	A	I don't.
14	placing barriers to the access of the to the	14	Q	Do you know if that area is predominantly
15	access to the exercise of fundamental rights.	15	conser	vative Republican or liberal Democrat?
16	MR. DAGUE: Okay. Let's take a break.	16	A	I don't.
17	(Recess)	17	Q	Okay. Do you know anything about the
18	MR. DAGUE: All right. So let's go back	18	partisa	n divide generally in New York between
19	on the record.	19	Upstate	e and Downstate?
20	BY MR. DAGUE:	20	A	I generally know that Upstate, at least
21	Q Welcome back, Doctor.	21	in my p	perception, is tends to be more rural,
22	A Thank you.	22	more R	depublican; Downstate, more Democrat, more
1	Q Okay. So we're talking about these	1	collogi	Page 257 uially liberal.
2	factors that you opined are potential harms to	2	_	I have heard, too, I guess, some
- 1		3		ents that Governor Cuomo made that seemed
1	we talked about burglary, discrimination,	1		at you targeting the NRA by name and
	stigmatization, and ostracism, and the prevention	1		
- 1	of law-abiding citizens which we were talking		saying	I'm paraphrasing something like
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1 '	about last who wish to acquire a gun but won't	6	someth	ing NRA isn't invited here or isn't
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¹ everyone?	1	ostracism, do you have any other data to support
² A Well, I I don't know any piece		your claim that registered gun owners feel
3 legislation that's readily accepted by even	erybody. 3	discriminated as a result of public disclosure?
4 Q Good point.	4	A The only thing I would add to that are
5 A But I I at least witnessed I	5	colloquial conversations I've had with, you know,
6 witnessed criticisms from different angl	es on both 6	various gun owners over the years, many
⁷ the right and the left.	7	particularly in urban environments who are
8 Q And do you know if it received -	fair to 8	hesitant to let their ownership, participation in
⁹ say it received some considerable degree	e of 9	shooting sports their ownership of guns or
10 negative public response?	10	participating in shooting sports be public
11 A Again, I'm not sure. Considerab	ole, I	knowledge precisely for those same reasons that are
12 I witness at least there were some crit	ricisms 12	articulated by I guess Doe 2 in this case.
13 that I came across about it.	13	Q Is your opinion on this front informed by
Q Do you know if the negative pub	olic 14	the concern you articulated earlier with respect to
15 response was more profuse in Upstate N	New York	tenure at Georgetown and political affiliation with
16 versus Downstate New York?	16	gun advocacy?
A I don't know the specifics and	or I	A Well, there yes. I think also
18 couldn't quantify who and where it was	most pro or 18	there's also some social circles where these
19 anti about the actual law.	19	issues, which are partisan in the general public,
Q Do you know where Putnam Co	unty, New 20	are maybe hyper-partisan. And so I could imagine
²¹ York, geographically falls in the Upstat	e/Downstate 21	there being I mean to use a an analogy, you
²² New York continuum?	22	know, microclimates, you know, you know, particular
1 A I let me see. The I looked u	Page 259	Page 261 areas or or clubs or social circles where these
² Westchester, Rockland, and I I at o	ne point I 2	are bigger deals than others.
³ looked up Putnam. I I don't associate	e it with	Q The colloquial conversations you've said
4 the far Upstate New York.	4	you've had over the years, were those with New
5 Q Okay. When you say far Upstat	ł	Yorkers, or do you not recall?
6 you mean	6	A Yeah, I don't recall.

A Like Buffalo, the --

Q You don't associate it with the Canadian

⁹ border?

10 A The Canadian border.

Q But do you consider Putnam to be Upstate

12 or Downstate, if you have an opinion?

A The -- I'm -- I -- I looked at many maps

14 of this. And I'm forgetting exactly the location

15 of Putnam. But I -- I think about it in the

¹⁶ broader, you know, New York City general area. I

17 forget where you all draw the lines in your Upstate

18 and Downstate borders.

Q So beyond the article, your feelings and

20 position with respect to the article in Exhibit 3

21 that we marked, and petitioner Doe's -- Doe Number

²² 2's articulation of concern with respect regarding

Q Okay. Have you ever been to Upstate

8 York?

A Uh-huh.

10 Q What part?

A Yes, I have.

12 Q What parts of wonderful Upstate New York

13 have you been?

A Buffalo.

Q Okay.

A Principally Buffalo.

17 Okay.

I'm sure I've driven through other parts,

19 but --

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Q Well, just for the record, us real

²¹ Upstaters consider Buffalo to be western New York,

22 so --

1		_	
	Page 262 A Oh, I didn't know how many divisions		up there strikes me as sort of doxing on a mass
2	there are.	2	scale; that is, that publicly released all these
3	Q Oh, there's a lot of divisions.	3	names of individuals or addresses.
4	A Okay.	4	Q Okay. So you consider the term "doxing"
5	Q All right. Let's jump ahead to page 5 of	5	to include the public release of information that's
6	your report.	6	publicly available by a media source; is that fair
7	At the bottom of that page still	7	to say that's your definition of doxing?
8	looking at Exhibit 1 you talk about this concept	8	A It could include that,
9	of doxing, D-O-X-I-N-G.	9	Q Doesn't doxing, as defined in your own
10	Do you recall that	10	report, by Mr. Douglas, include an intent to
11	A Yes.	1	humiliate, threaten, intimidate, or punish the
12	Q opinion?	1	identified individual?
13	Okay. And you talk about defining doxing	13	A It it can. As I noticed just a few
14		14	sentences ago, I that could be understood more
1	of personal info about an individual by a third	1	broadly, which I explicitly stated. But it also
16	party, often with the intent to humiliate,	1	wouldn't surprise me if there were interest at the
17		1	newspaper who actually perhaps even intended to
18	Is that your understanding of what doxing		have some of those things happen to gun owners.
19	is?	19	Q Is that a pure speculation?
20	A The that's a definition offered by	20	A It strikes me as psychologically
21	David David Douglas.	21	plausible.
22	Q Okay.	22	Q Well, okay.
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1	A I think that gets to the heart of the	1	
-	most pernicious forms of doxing.	2	Q Simj. 20 100 pojemenogravnij
3	Now, there's a few words in there I think	3	I A 25 GEV VALUE O
1	that could be expanded. So, yes, sometimes it's	4	Q plausible and
	the intentional public release. Sometimes it's	5	
16	the you know, others intentionally releasing		A but but this is again, this is a
1 _		1	problem with doxing. So there's a convenient,
	data that was maybe intentionally publically	7	problem with doxing. So there's a convenient, plausible deniability of, oh, you know, we outed
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Page 268 Page 266 ¹ the effects. ¹ actually been citing from the database that the ² newspaper published, but saying things like: Did Q Under your definition of doxing, wouldn't ³ you know your neighbor -- bla, bla, or maybe --3 that not -- wouldn't that include a newspaper's ⁴ reporting of a criminal arrest that's public maybe one of them was a public official. But I -- I vaguely recall there being ⁵ information? Couldn't that be construed as doxing, 6 instances of people, you know, citing this ⁶ under your interpretation of doxing? A All right. So the underlying question ⁷ information in public for a -- drawing attention to ⁸ would be whether this is a -- you know, whether 8 individuals. there's a legitimate interest here. Q Okay. And you said you vaguely recall 10 coming across that information as you researched And -- and it's in -- even on the doxing 11 front -- so many of the debates that have come up for this report; is that right? with regard to doxing: Defamation, sometimes A Yes. there's even a different standard for say public 13 And do you recall the source of that 14 individuals, for, you know, people who are in the 14 information? 15 spotlight, politicians, and, you know, what the A No. These were a -- a bunch of newspaper 16 standards that accrue to them and the standards of articles I was reading, some public fora where ¹⁷ private citizens. things were being discussed there. I read a lot --18 The -- it seems to me in the -- in the 18 Q All right. A -- of Newsweeks and --¹⁹ criminal case, there might be a legitimate reason 19 20 for that sort of information to be publicly Q If you have -- if you pulled that ²¹ available. 21 information and preserved it, we'll follow up. We 22 Q Okay. 22 would ask for a disclosure of that so we can -Page 267 1 A Because they've committed a crime. A Sure. I might have to search a little Q So I just want to be clear so that I ² bit, but --³ understand your interpretation of doxing. Q Okay. Do you believe, based on your knowledge Okay. I'm going to jump ahead in your ⁵ of doxing, that the newspapers' release of the ⁵ report to page 8, when you turn your attention to ⁶ information available under public -- Penal Law 400 ⁶ Dr. Zeoli. Okay. I want to direct your attention 7 was an incident of doxing? 7 to the first paragraph under Dr. Zeoli's report and A I would describe it as being a -- a 8 concerns. So it's -- well, the second full 9 species of doxing, you know, understanding that paragraph on that page. 10 doxing can be more or less severe, greater or fewer 10 Do you see that? 11 consequences. But yes, I think it's -- that's 111 A Yes. 12 certainly -- you know, it's part of that framework. 12 Q Okay. And you say, Dr. Zeoli speculates Q Okay. Outside of that publication that that the disclosure required by PL 400 could 14 you believe to be a species of doxing, do you have potentially help reduce intimate partner homicides. ¹⁵ any evidence or data of any other New York gun 15 Do you see that? ¹⁶ owner -- gun owner in New York licensed handgun 16 A Yep. ¹⁷ having been doxed with information gleaned from PL Q And you criticize Dr. Zeoli's conclusion 18 400? 18 as poorly speculative. 19 19 A So in my review of various news releases Do you see that? ²⁰ and some of the controversy surrounding this law, 20 A That's correct. ²¹ I -- I do recall casually coming across incidents Q Okay. And, actually, this speculative

²² where people -- I believe some of them may have

²² criticism, the speculative nature in your opinion

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Page 272 Page 270 ¹ have dug up some more evidence. ¹ of both Zeoli and Sege's reports is one -- fair to

² say one of the chief criticisms that you opine with

respect to their reports?

A That's correct.

Q In your professional studies and

publication of research material, have you ever had

to formulate a conclusion or an expert opinion

without a hundred percent certainty of data?

A Sure.

10

Q And have you ever had to theorize, based

on limited data, a conclusion?

12 A Sure.

13 Q Fairly common in your field to both

14 theorize?

15 A I think it's common in every field.

16 Q So when you offer your expert opinion

with respect to the possibility of future burglary,

¹⁸ discrimination, stigmatization, and ostracism

19 without firm data demonstrating that those had

²⁰ actually occurred, was that you speculating as to

21 potential harms from this law?

22 That is one of many potential harms.

¹ And -- and I'll note the nature of the speculation

² here is it's also worth considering the

³ denominator. So we know that there's 16 in 2015,

⁴ 16 intimate partner homicides committed with guns.

⁵ I -- I'm assuming the number of burglaries in New

⁶ York, and firearms burglaries, is probably more

7 than that.

And so, you know, any time, you know,

⁹ we -- we kind of -- we estimate, we're always

10 thinking about what are the magnitude of our

11 estimations. And the -- so it'd be a -- a research

12 project one might conduct, maybe some day with the

13 help of New York.

14 But the interesting thing is if there are

15 16 instances here, one thing that's neat about that

there's -- it's actually a relatively limited set

¹⁷ of data you might investigate to determine if any

of these circumstances fit that particular

description or the particular scenario.

20 And so that was part -- partially was the

21 interest in me to -- you know, it seems a

²² relatively small targeted thing which you might

Q And how many incidents of burglary did

3 you find again respecting -- or with respect to

4 individuals that were burglarized for guns based on

5 information gleaned from public law 400? Penal

6 Law. I'm saying "public."

A Right. Yeah, so, again, that wasn't the

8 objective of my report, which was fundamentally to

9 evaluate the claims made about public safety by

10 Zeoli --

11 Q Right.

12 A -- Sege, and Hamilton.

Q Well, what I'm trying to get at is you're

14 criticizing them for speculating based only, you

15 said, is 16 instances of domestic violence; but you

speculated potential burglaries and discrimination

based on zero incidents that you found of those

things; is that fair?

19 A Again, it's a question of where does it

20 figure into the larger equation of valuation. It

21 seems to me that the burden of their claim is:

22 What justifies this law? What -- what is the --

you know the main argument one could marshal?

And in my evaluation, I'm trying to

³ evaluate their claim. They're claiming this thing.

⁴ And I'm also trying to say, you know, what else

5 might be in the equation. What -- what else might

⁶ you want to be concerned about. First, we need to

⁷ evaluate the -- the positives that they think this

8 law is going to contribute. Then at least take

account -- at least recognize the range of

10 negatives.

11 And so, yeah, within the scope of this

12 inquiry, within the scope of the argument here, you

13 know, this could have been a hundred-page report.

14 There's plenty -- I mean there's so many things to

15 include on that cost side. But my primary focus

was to evaluate their claims about the benefits of

17 this law. And it was -- seems conspicuous to me,

or surprising even, how -- how weak the data was on

supporting the benefits of these laws.

Q But, Doctor, again, you proposed this

21 cost benefit analysis. And you populated the

22 fields on the cost benefit analysis. And you -- no

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1 one else -- had offered that the costs of this are
                                                              <sup>1</sup> that a handgun was owned by an intimate partner?
 <sup>2</sup> potentially: Burglary, based on public disclosure;
                                                                   A Well, I -- presumably, you know, the
 <sup>3</sup> discrimination, stigmatization, ostrazation,
                                                              3 courts themselves -- these might be on record,
 4 doxing. But you've testified here today that you
                                                              4 right. I -- I -- I don't know the full workings of
 <sup>5</sup> have no data or evidence to suggest that those have
                                                              5 domestic courts. But when one comes to seek a
 6 actually happened, based upon public disclosure
                                                                protective order, I assume people give reasons or
 <sup>7</sup> Section 400.
                                                                evidence. And I note already that even if there's
         So what I'm trying to get at is you're
                                                              8 a concern about violence, that that itself might
   criticizing these three reports for speculation,
                                                                trigger a protective order.
when you've engaged in actually worse speculation
                                                                       But, you know, this is one of those areas
11 because you have no evidence to support any of
                                                            <sup>11</sup> I -- again, you can correct me, if our legal system
12 these theories.
                                                            12 doesn't track what people actually write down in
13
       A All right, so it's not worse speculation.
                                                            13 seeking a protective order, but presumably that
<sup>14</sup> What I've speculated are a range of concerns, many
                                                            14 sort of stuff would be on record somewhere.
15 different vary, you know, and significant. Again,
                                                                    Q Well, if a woman had a concern with
which might be subject to -- to great
                                                            16 respect to a domestic relation she was having and
<sup>17</sup> investigation. And, again, these are gonna be
                                                            17 used public law 400 to find out about that
18 balancing off.
                                                                individual's ownership of a handgun, does she have
19
          Well, what needs to be balanced off? We
                                                                to report that?
20 need to establish in the first place what the
                                                                    A I would assume it would make her case
21 benefits are. Those are, I have to say, close to
                                                             21 stronger if she's petitioned a judge for --
22 zero in evaluating these reports.
                                                                        I'm not talking about petitioning a
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                                                              <sup>1</sup> judge.
          So it's partly the -- the burden of
 <sup>2</sup> evidence to balance out, that I need to bring to
                                                                       I'm just saying if someone used that
 <sup>3</sup> the table, is really commensurate with the evidence
                                                              <sup>3</sup> vehicle to get the information, they don't have to
 4 that they are presenting in the first place. And
                                                              4 report that anywhere, do they?
 <sup>5</sup> so actually -- I mean the weight of evidence you
                                                                    A There's a lot of things they may not have
 6 need about, you know, speculation that's not well
                                                              6 to report. It would strike me as really bizarre if
 <sup>7</sup> documented, you know, is itself, you know,
                                                              7 no one ever did report it, if it was actually a
 <sup>8</sup> sufficient to be fairly speculative, fairly broad.
                                                              8 useful piece of information in establishing a
          And I -- I want to at least flag the
                                                                threat that would actually result in a restraining
10 range of concerns that one might have about this
                                                             10 order.
11 law. And, you know, I -- I think these are pretty
                                                             11
                                                                    Q Well, someone could report the result of
12 compelling.
                                                             the finding, but they don't necessarily have to
13
                                                             13 report how they got the information in any
          But, again, it has to be balanced off in
<sup>14</sup> first and foremost the strength of their arguments.
                                                             14 capacity, do they?
<sup>15</sup> And what they're bringing to the table to begin
                                                                    A Not necessarily. It would be interesting
<sup>16</sup> with is -- is awfully slight to begin with. So,
                                                             16 to -- I mean presumably you all must have access to
<sup>17</sup> again, I -- I -- J -- you know, if all I need to
                                                             <sup>17</sup> data, too, to see how many people are querying
18 overcome is their burden of speculation, that's a
                                                                these things on a regular basis.
19 irrelevant (phonetic) of burden.
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                                                                       So, right, at least the count -- whoever
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Q Doctor, what manner could a victim of domestic violence -- or in what manner, say, could

20 is in control of these, I'd love to know how often

21 these are queried. Because that must be a matter

²² an individual report having used PL 400 to find out | ²² of public record for sure. And we could just -- I

Page 280 1 mean how many parents -- you must have access to

- ² that. How many parents in New York -- how many
- ³ people in New York are making these with queries 4 outside of journalists, I'd love to know.
- Because we could get at some of that,
- 6 couldn't we?
- Q I don't know the answer to that question.
- A Okav.
- Q I don't think there is an answer to that.
- 10 A Are FOIA's not a record?
- 11 Q Doctor, I'm not being deposed here.
- 12 A Okay. Sorry.
- 13 Q Let me ask you this.
- 14 If someone used PL 400 and it resulted in
- ¹⁵ a domestic violence incident being averted because
- they had the information, there'd be no way to
- 17 quantify how -- how that -- there'd be no way to
- ¹⁸ quantify that information, would there, because you
- 19 can't collect data on something that didn't happen,
- 20 right?
- A The way you typically study that is in a
- ²² comparative analysis. So you ask, for example: If
- 1 these things are queried at different rates in
- ² different counties, is that reducing our domestic
- ³ violence burden if we compare to different states
- 4 over time?
- You know, there are ways to get at that.
- ⁶ But it's a good first order of concern. And, yeah,
- ⁷ there's -- there's a variety of comparative
- ⁸ analyses you might perform to try to see: Are
- ⁹ these things making a difference over time? And
- 10 what from what I could tell, New York is actually
- pretty similar to almost all states in New England.
- 12 Q How many incidents of a parent finding
- out information through public law -- through PL
- ¹⁴ 400 and avoiding, based on the information, an
- ¹⁵ unintentional injury or death would not ever be
- ¹⁶ known, would it?
- 17 It is immeasurable, isn't it?
- A You would think New York would have such
- ¹⁹ a lower rate than all the other places in New
- England, and yet it doesn't.
- 21 Q Okay.
- A So we -- we can conduct comparative

- ¹ analysis of the law. And as I noted in my report,
- ² we can analyze the states bordering New York. We
- ³ can look at similar demographics. First of all,
- 4 these things are extraordinarily rare, period.
- And, secondly, New York is really on par with the
- rest of New England, so --
- Q But you can't get at information -- you
- 8 can't collect data from an incident that didn't
- happen, because it was averted.
- 10 A But that should show up in comparative
- 11 analysis.
- 12 Q But you --
- A It is not being averted in other states.
- ¹⁴ And the quest -- well, the question is: What's the
- difference between these two states and the periods
- when the law goes in effect, if there's periods
- when there's more querying?
- Again, it's a hard to thing to study
- ¹⁹ because these things almost never happen.
- Q Uh-huh.
- A And, in fact, I couldn't -- I -- I could
- 22 not find a single incident where it was a

- ¹ registered legal handgun at a playmate's house that
- ² caused this, in all of New England when I was
- 3 looking.
- Q Right. Did --
- A I'm sure -- and I'm sure it maybe --
- ⁶ maybe it exists somewhere.
- Q Did you -- what type of searches did you
- ⁸ conduct to look for that situation?
- A So I -- I describe them in my report.
- 10 Q Right. And is that pages -- well, let's
- ¹¹ see -- 16?
- A (Witness looked at document). So starts
- ¹³ on 15.
- Q Okay. And you describe the searches that
- 15 you conducted to try to find incidents of legal
- 16 handgun, unintentional injury or death --
- 17 Yes.
- 18 -- from playmates?
- So I focused on -- on death --
- 20 Q Okay.
- 21 -- as mentioned earlier. I'm able to
- 22 find a few cases.

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1	Q Uh-huh.	1	happened over the last 20 years?
2	A They concern either illegal guns, in	2	A In New York?
3	terms of there's there's nothing that fits	3	Q Yeah.
4	that the very specific scenario that Dr. Sege	4	A Oh, I as a betting man, I'm if
5	hypothesizes might be systematically averted. And	5	if you do this long enough, I'd have to I have
6	now it's possible there's there's a long record	6	to assume maybe somewhere you know, enough
7	we don't have, particularly in the early years, the	7	rare things eventually, if you take a long enough
8	range of online documentation.	8	time you have to think of the population. It's
9	It wouldn't surprise if me if sometime,	9	20 million people. It's 20 years. It might have
10	somewhere this is happening. But it is very seldom	10	happened somewhere. Maybe it happened a few times.
11	and very rare. And, again, we're not seeing a huge	11	It's just hard it's just seems kinda hard to
12	difference here between other states.	12	find.
13	Q How did you conduct your searches? Were	13	Q Yeah.
14	they Google searches? What did you look at?	14	A I don't I would be surprised if it
15	A So as I mentioned on page 15, I searched	15	happened hundreds of times, thousands of times.
16	a database maintained by the Gun Violence Archive.	16	Q What did you search? Did you use search
17	According to its website, Gun Violence Archive is a	17	terms: Accident shooting within ten of death or
18	not-for-profit corporation formed in 2013 to	18	A Now, searching now, are you referring
19	provide online public access to accurate	19	to
20	information about gun-related violence in the	20	Q When you say here that you were not able
21	United States.	21	to find a single reported case in the last 20
22	There was also an Associate Press in USA	22	years, I'm just curious as to what search terms you
1	Today Network. They did a similar study. And		Page 285 used.
1	they they used the Gun Violence Archive. But	2	
}	they went beyond it. I could there were cases	1	conduct any just general searches of
1	nationally in other states.	4	
5	Q Yeah.	5	
6	A Again, they they weren't exactly that	6	
7	scenario, but there there are cases of a	7	
8	licensed handgun being used.	8	account of accidental handgun deaths. And there, I
9	The playmate scenario, I think I		can first look at the CDC numbers. And those are
10	believe still eluded me, which is just to say	10	
11	there from a from a standpoint of policy	11	I can then also look at you know,
12	evaluation, if this is really moving the needle,	12	there's some concerns expressed by Dr. Sege. If
13	it's hard to evaluate when you have such low	13	
14	numbers to begin with. But even then, I didn't see		many. You can still use the CDC data if it if
15	a big difference between New York and other	-	the rates are at least staying the same, you can
16	neighboring states.	16	
17	Q Right.	17	
18	Do you believe that, as you said, you	18	So the first round of estimates are just
19	could not find a single reported case over the last	19	asking about accidental handgun deaths. And that's
20	20 years of accidental handgun death of a child	20	using government data and also Sege's own data.
21	that corresponds to Dr. Sege's hypothesis?	21	
22	Do you believe that that's that hasn't	22	what about accidental handgun deaths at a
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1	playmate's house and with illegal illegal	1	Page 288 1 Q Okay.
2	firearm. I'm just trying to, you know, understand	2	A And even probably not Dr. Zeoli's
3	the actual scenarios.	3	³ fault, because she's citing another paper.
4	And so that is a series of, you know,	4	Q Right, Diez
5	first the gun violence archives; secondly, the	5	
- 1	Associated Press, USA Today Network, you know,	6	Q paper, right?
	perform some other Google searches. And as I said,	7	
ı	there there are cases. Predominantly they	8	
9	concern illegal firearms.	9	
10	Q All right.	10	•
11	A Let's see how many.	11	
12	Q Would you when you were searching, did	12	² number from the advocacy group Everytown, right?
13	you encounter a December 28th, 2010, incident that	13	
	happened in Wilton, New York, a shooting death of a)	4 reports.
	12-year-old, while playing at a friend's home,	15	*
	using the playmate's father's registered handgun?	16	
17	A I did not uncover that one.	17	
18	MR. DAGUE: Mark that for the record as	18	
19	D-4.		
20	(Discussion off the record)	20	
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	5 marked for identification.) Page 287	22	² Diez/Zeoli number is 264, which is the number that Page 289
1	BY MR. DAGUE:	1	you proffer from New York, right?
2	Q All right. Doctor, we're going to wait	2	A Correct.
3	for those copies.	3	Q Did you have a chance to read Dr. Zeoli's
4	A Sure. Sure.	4	4 deposition testimony following her deposition
5	Q Let's talk about some other issues.	5	before your deposition?
6	Look at page 9 of your report. And I'm	6	6 A I did not.
7	looking at that middle paragraph, which I guess is	7	Q Okay. Do you know that Diez actually
8	kind of the first full paragraph on that page,	8	⁸ gleaned her numbers from the FBI supplemental
9	where you're looking at Dr. Zeoli's statistics with	9	9 homicide reports, not from Everytown?
10	respect to individuals that were killed in New York	10	A That's plausible. There were either
11	by DV incidents.	11	Diez or someone in that paper, I believe, does make
12	Do you remember that paragraph?	12	reference to having received this at least some
13	A By DV, this is the the second main	13	of the data, from Everytown.
14	paragraph?	14	Q And do you know that Dr. Zeoli testified
15	Q Yeah. It begins, a detailed examination	15	5 that actually the FBI supplemental homicide reports
16	of	16	are the gold standard for this type of statistics
17	A Yes. Right.	17	because they're updated on a monthly basis, based
18	Q intimate yes.	18	⁸ on talking to different jurisdictions?
19	So in this paragraph you talk about what	19	A It's interesting that made two things
20	you believe are inaccuracies in Dr. Zeoli's	20	to say. There are certain sorts of data for which
21	statistics, in part, right?		I would think the FBI's more reliable. But,
22	A Slight inaccuracies.	1	second, it sounds like what you're telling me the
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Page 290 New York State's own report is not to be trusted on

- 2 this.
- 3 Well, I'm not sure I'm telling you that.
- What I'm telling you is --
- A Is erroneous.
- Q -- is that -- do you know that Dr. Zeoli
- testified that the FBI supplemental homicide report
- 8 was more accurate than the State of New York's
- report, as it's supplemented on a monthly basis?
- A That strikes me as a plausible claim for
- 11 her to make.
- 12 O Sure.
- 13 A I'm not certain it's true. We -- I can
- 14 investigate that. But if New York State gave
- 15 erroneous data, then I would certainly defer to
- whatever the accurate data is.
- 17 Q Sure. And you do a -- were you aware of
- the FBI supplemental homicide report when you
- addressed the data and numbers in this paragraph?
- 20 A I'm aware of its existence.
- Okay. And did you check the FBI
- ²² supplemental data to determine if the figure you

¹ use for 2017 that you base some of your conclusions

- ² on, of 59 domestic violence homicides, did you
- ³ check the FBI data to determine if that was
- ⁴ actually accurate?
- A Since this is a New York State case, I
- 6 checked the New York State's published numbers of
- record.
- Q Okay.
- A I figured New York State could be trusted
- 10 for data integrity.
- 11 O Sure.
- 12 A And maybe I'm mistaken about that.
- Q And if the number -- obviously, if the
- ¹⁴ numbers changed based on the FBI, your conclusion
- or at least your opinion with respect to the data
- 16 may change; is that fair?
- 17 A I would want to make sure the FBI is, in
- ¹⁸ fact, a more reliable source.
- 19 Q Sure. But I guess what I'm saying as
- 20 kind of a noncontroversial proposition is you're
- 21 looking at a number. And you're -- of 59. You're
- ²² rendering some analysis of that number.

- And if you were to determine that there
- ² was -- that number was different either lesser or
- 3 higher, based on a more reliable source if you made
- 4 that determination, then your opinion may change or
- at least may alter somewhat?
 - A Certainly. And I'm somewhat comforted by
- the fact that even the numbers Dr. Zeoli reported
- 8 still are pretty low.
- Q Okay. So in that bottom of that
- paragraph, you talk about the different numbers,
- the percentages of the 59 DV homicides in 2017.
- Do you see that testimony?
- 13 A Correct.
 - Q And you talk about 48.5 percentage of the
- 15 59 were you -- were completed using a knife, a
- cutting instrument, or a blunt object.
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A That's correct. Yes.
- 19 Q And then that 16 of the 59 intimate
- partner homicides were -- involved firearms, right?
- 21 A That's what New York State reported, yes.
- Okay. And is it your position that the

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- ¹ 27.1 percent of all intimate partner homicides in
- 2017, 27.1 is an insignificant number?
- A What do you mean by insignificant?
- Q Well, is it your position that 27.1
- percent is not significant -- is a nonsignificant
- 6 amount of -- or excuse me, a nonsignificant
- percentage of intimate partner homicides that they
- shouldn't be considered?
- A So significance has a -- has a technical
- 10 meaning within statistics. I think I understand
- 11 your -- your larger question here, which is not
- 12 about that technical meaning.
- My main point in -- in calling attention
- to this is to observe that, in fact -- you might
- 15 have -- one might have thought, from Dr. Zeoli's
- 16 testimony, that guns are by far the implements most
- ¹⁷ often used in domestic partner homicide. And I was
- 18 surprised myself to find that -- how rarely they
- 19 were used compared to something as commonplace as
- 20 knives.
- 21 And so it's -- I'm not claiming these 16
- 22 deaths aren't important. They are indeed a tragedy

Page 294 1 who knows what, broomstick or -- these seem to be 1 that -- but to point out that actually the ² preponderance of homicides -- domestic violence ² common, everyday objects. And interestingly, you know, whether you 3 homicides in New York appear to be actually ⁴ executed with a -- a knife or cutting instrument. 4 think there's an important distinction between them, they are responsible for more deaths in Q Right. Now --A And which, yes, raises all sorts -- all 6 aggregate than guns. sorts of questions, it seems to me. Q Now, you say, in that same paragraph on page 10, that knives are the most commonly used Q Well, let's focus on that. ⁹ intimate partner instrument for intimate partner Page 10, the second full paragraph 10 begins, Curiously, Dr. Zeoli says nothing about the homicide instrument in any many states. 11 role of knives in intimate partner violence, Do you see that? ¹² despite the fact that they are the most commonly A Yes. Q What do you mean by many states, in that 13 used intimate partner homicide instrument in many 14 states. 14 paragraph? 15 15 Do you see that? A Yes, so if you actually go to -- I 16 believe it was -- it's either the Diez -- it might That's correct. Yes. 17 Okay. Now, I just want to ask you about ¹⁷ be the -- oh, The Annals of Internal Medicine --18 this. 18 Q Uh-huh. 19 You say here -- again, Doctor, looking at 19 A -- article that I cite there. They 20 page 9 -- that the -- New York's own report notes 20 actually do a breakdown of states. 21 that a knife, a cutting instrument, or a blunt 21 And it's interesting, they had -- a lot ²² object was used more frequently, in 47.5. 22 of -- there are a handful of states where the --Page 297 Now, you would admit that that statistic 1 whatsoever designation you want to call it ² includes three different instruments of -- of death ² Knives, the blunt instruments, both, either -- and 3 there, right: A knife, a cutting instrument, and a 3 they show up as the more frequent -- it's often in 4 blunt object, right? ⁴ states that have relatively low rates of each. A The distinction between a knife and a So there -- you know, there are certain 6 cutting instrument I suppose is slight. But, yes, 6 states that might only have -- the small states 7 there's blunt object that's included as well. might only have three domestic violence incidents, O Okay. So if you -- if you do the math on 8 or -- you know, or something. And if you have two ⁹ 47.5 divided into thirds, assuming that the third guns and one knife, well, all of a sudden it's was knives, a third was blunt object, and a third 10 twice as many. was some sort of other cutting instrument, that 11 But I observed, in looking at that, there would actually be a lesser figure than 27.1, right? ¹² are -- are I believe a majority, was my estimate, A Yeah, I have no reason to believe those 13 of states that actually recorded in this category 14 are thirds. 14 of say common household knives, blunt objects, that 15 Q Well --15 those are the -- the most used. 16 16 A But the --MR. DAGUE: Okay. I'm going to mark 17 ¹⁷ Exhibit 6. Q -- well, of course, but --

A -- and the main point, I should say, I --

19 I guess these are technicalities that don't --

21 it seems, if I'm to understand, a blunt object

22 is -- I don't know, a -- a bat or a -- you know,

²⁰ aren't material at all to my larger point, which is

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(Defendants' Deposition Exhibit No. 6

Q Okay. I'm going to hand you what's been

marked for identification.)

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20 BY MR. DAGUE:

22 marked as Exhibit 6.

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A (Witness looked at document).		1	Now, Doctor, I would like for you to tell
² Q I just ask you to familiarize yourse	elf on	2	me if you had seen this data when you rendered the
³ that document, Doctor.		3	conclusion that knives are the most common used in
4 And while you're doing that, I'll jus	t	4	intimate partner homicides in many states, and when
⁵ note for the record that Defendants' Exhib	oit 6 is a	5	you just said it was the majority of states?
⁶ copy of a research paper issued by Caroli	na Diez in	6	A Right. So I I looked at both this but
⁷ 2017. And it's entitled, State Intimate Par	rtner	7	also the the piece we had just mentioned by Diez
⁸ Violence. And it goes on with a subtitle,	but I	8	in 2017. And as I noted in my report on this
⁹ won't put that on the record.	!	9	piece, there are there are actually some
10 (Discussion off the record).	1	0	discrepancies here.
¹¹ BY MR. DAGUE:	1	1	So in New York, you'll see they report
Q And I'm going to direct you to spe	cific 1	2	the numbers 39.6. And as I believe I point out
13 portions of that.	1	3	the the rate reported by New York State was
14 A Yep. Oh, do you have the Diez pi	ece as	4	actually 35.9. What I think went on is that they
¹⁵ well?	1	.5	estimate they I think they did the first
Q What do you mean by that?	1	6	column first.
A The the other report by Diez, et	al.,	.7	So they they estimate these as rates
18 2017, that has some statistics relevant to t	his.	.8	per hundred thousand. But, unfortunately, that
Q I don't know well, I don't have i	t 1	.9	gets some again, we're dealing with very small
20 with me, no.	2	0	numbers here. And so they issued these decimal
A You don't? Okay.	2	1	points, you know, with two significant digits. And
Q Is there another piece to this?	2	2	I believe that that explains some of the
A Yeah, so the well, you have the	Page 299	1	Page 301 discrepancies.
² records, yeah.		2	I know when they multiply those out by
³ Q Okay. So, Doctor, just to refamili	arize	3	state-based populations and and counts
4 ourselves, we were talking about some	1		because even with New York's own data, the New York
⁵ I lost myself.	- 1		data here is not I mean New York State's own
6 We were talking about your conten	tion in	6	reported data does not match up with the data they
your report that knives as you say on page 7			reported here. And I believe it's in Diez's piece
8 are the most commonly used instrument i	_		that I used as the evidence for here. But I'm
⁹ partner homicides in many states. And I			I'm happy to look at these numbers.
10 you said that a minute ago you thought it			So like a few things to point out
¹¹ majority of states.	1	1	Q Hold on one second, Doctor.
12 I've just offered Defendants' Exhibi	t 6,	2	Is there a separate article by Diez other
which I'd like to show you. And I'd like t	1	.3	than this article from 2017 that's titled, State
			I om act . I may through our

¹⁴ your attention to appendix table number 2.

A Yep.

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Q Okay. Firearm -- it's entitled,

¹⁷ Firearm-related and total IPH rates in 2015. And

18 I'd like to point your attention to the third

19 column over, Ratio of firearm-related to total IPH

20 rate percentage. And I will note for the record

21 that "IPH" is used throughout this article to stand

²² for intimate partner homicides.

A So cite both -- I cite both of these in

14 Intimate Partner, and authored by Carolina Diez?

Q Okay. So Exhibit 6, is this the one that

A No, that's one I'm referring to.

you -- is this the one that you used in your

20 my report, Diez's piece, as -- oh, this is the --

21 Q This is --

A Yeah, so this is the Diez one.

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18 report?

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1	Page 302 Q Right.		it? about 4 percent less.
2		2	Q Right
3	intimate partner violence, in addition to New York	3	A A lot of these are at 50 percent. I did
4	State's own report. The	4	look in the in the surrounding area, places like
5	Q So is there another Diez report that you	5	New Jersey, Connecticut, New Ham Massachusetts.
6	refer	6	Q Right.
7	A No	7	A And and in all those cases, these
8	Q to or	8	these numbers were inflated, which I attributed, I
9	A no	9	believe, to their rounding errors in trying to
10	Q is this the Diez that	10	reduce it first per one hundred thousand.
11	A this is the Diez report.	11	Q Do you understand now, based on the
12	Diez, by the way actually, Diez has	12	testimony and questions I asked you, that the
13	authored many reports on this. And I may have read	13	numbers aren't inflated; they were actually taken
14	multiple reports by her. I flagged concerns with	14	in the Diez report from the FBI's supplemental
15	the statistics on this. On the third account,	15	homicide reports, which Dr. Zeoli considers to be
16	there are many states that are below 50. There are	16	more accurate than New York State's own report?
17	many states that are above 50. Eyeballing it here,	17	A I would invite further scrutiny of both
18	it may be closer to 60/40. The and we can count	18	the FBI and the New York report to figure out which
19	those up.	19	one is, in fact, more accurate.
20	One thing that's also worth paying	20	Q Sure.
21	attention to here is also in the population level.	21	A There is also some discrepancy, I should
22	For example, you know, Maine has a hundred	22	add, between what counts as domestic partner
1	percent a hundred percent of intimate partner		violence and intimate partner violence.
	homicides were committed by handguns. There were	2	Q Is that something you looked into?
	two of those. Then you can look at, you know, some	3	A So, is it as you might expect,
	states that have much larger numbers. And, you	4	
ł	know, New York's one of those.	5	general category.
6	Q Well, Doctor, let me ask you, you said	6	Q Uh-huh.
7	you think it's closer to 60/40.	7	A So there's and, again, the
8	I did a count here. And I'm coming up	8	Q But you used intimate partner homicide in
9	with nine states of the 50 listed that are below 50	9	your report, don't you?
10	percent, meaning that all the other states,	10	A So there's some I believe New Jersey
11	except with the exclusion of Hawaii, South	11	
12	Dakota, and the nine Hawaii, South Dakota, there	12	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
13	just seems no data to have been offered. So that	13	
14	only nine of 48 states in this case was the	14	Q Uh-huh.
15	handgun, not the	15	A So there are some states which you have
16	A Yeah.	16	to based on what they publicly report, I looked
17	Q majority instrument used in the DV	17	at that.
18	death.	18	Q Now, the
19	A Yeah, again, I've already noted that some	19	A The same oh, go on.
20	of this data does not correspond with it's	20	Q If the data, as you claim was slightly
21	inflated. So New York's own reported own	21	inflated, do you believe that would change this
22	state-reported things are actually what is	1	conclusion in the Diez, that only nine states in

		1	
1 (Page 306 only nine states firearms were not the majority	1	A Right.
2 i	nstrument used?	2	Q Okay. So in that case, we're not talking
3	A I observed as many states you know,	3	about a 60/40 split between two instruments. We're
4 t	there's states like Colorado that are 50.7.	4	talking about a gun being 60 percent, and all other
5 7	There's states at 54. There seemed to be a number	5	instruments being 40 percent.
6 (of states and there's another state at 54, 53,	6	In that case then, isn't the gun the vast
7 5	57, another 45.9. So here's a 51.	7	majority of the instrument used in that state, most
8	Yeah, look, a lot of these states are	8	likely?
9 1	near this 50 percent, if things are inflated like	9	A Yeah, so in that state, it looks like
10 t	they were in New York, apparently by a few	10	eight people were killed by guns and four were
11 I	percentage points, the what struck me and	11	killed by other means.
12 J	I to be candid, I expected the gun owners to be	12	Q And I appreciate that. But that wasn't
13 ,	way higher.	13	my question.
14	Q Now	14	What I asked is we're looking that
15	A And when I actually looked into this,	15	number of 60 represents all of the guns
16 J	I I it was it struck me how infrequent	16	A Uh-huh.
17 8	guns were used in homicide, where I would've	17	Q versus all the other instrument in
18 6	even when I first read Zeoli's report, I just	18	fact, all information on this table
19 8	assumed this was, you know, by far the most	19	A Uh-huh.
20 1	prevalent means of death in in	20	Q these numbers in this category three
21	Q Well	21	that we're looking at.
22	A violence all	22	That's all the guns; and then everything
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But particularly in Northeastern states,

- ² it does seem to be the case that they are the --
- 3 the minority. And I would welcome the chance to --
- ⁴ to further, with greater resolution, examine some
- ⁵ of these other states.
- Q Doctor.
- 7 A I've seen deflecting -- conflicting
- 8 information on.
- 9 Q Are they, in New England states, the
- 10 minority, though?
- And that's what I'm trying to get you
- 12 to -- to answer, is that if say in New York it's
- 13 39.6 percent and the rest of the field is every
- 14 other instrument, and if you take into account
- 15 every other instrument, wouldn't, in all
- 16 likelihood, the 40 percent guns represent the
- majority of the instruments used versus every other
- instrument possible?
- 19 A Well, you're also asking an interesting
- 20 question, which you might ask on a per capita --
- 21 right now, there's a question whether you even
- 22 account for this by state or by population. So the

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- ¹ question -- you know, you might say the states with
- ² the largest populations -- many of which are in the
- 3 Northeast -- obviously, Texas, Califor -- Texas,
- ⁴ California, would be other important ones -- on a
- ⁵ per capita basis, what percentage are constituted
- 6 by guns versus others.
- 7 The -- the overall point which I wanted
- 8 to make is still even if you accept this data --
- 9 which, again, I -- I found documented cases, at
- 10 least in New York, the numbers don't line up. Even
- 11 if you accept this data, guns still are responsible
- 12 for surprisingly to my estimation, relatively less
- 13 of intimate partner homicides than I would have
- 14 expected. I would've thought, based on Dr. Zeoli's
- 15 testimony, that these were, you know, 80, 90, 95,
- ¹⁶ 98 percent, that this is -- this is the problem
- that drives domestic partner homicides.
- 18 It's interesting that so many -- so many
- 19 states are between this say 40 and 60 percent. Am
- 20 I -- am I accurate, that that -- that for sure
- ²¹ constitutes the majority, between 40 and 60 percent
- 22 here?

Q Doctor, you're talking about inaccuracies

- .2 in the Diez numbers. I would just note -- I'd ask
- In the Diez numbers. I would just note -- I'd asi
 you, look at page 10 of your report.
- 4 A Uh-huh.
- 5 Q You've actually relied on the Diez report
- ⁶ in your report to provide information and data you
- ⁷ used to reach your conclusions, isn't that right?
- 8 A Noted in my report my own concerns about
- ⁹ the inflation of those numbers, yes.
- Q Right. So you, on one hand on page 9,
- ¹¹ note your concerns about inflation of the numbers;
- but then on page 10, in your first full paragraph,
- ¹³ and further in this, you rely on the Diez -- Diez
- report to fuel and support your own conclusions;
- 15 isn't that right?
- A And just to clarify, I -- I say on page
- 17 10, not page 9 -- I express my concerns about the
- 18 inflated statistics, which I note don't agree with
- ¹⁹ New York State's own reports.
- And, again, in the context of my argument
- 21 here, the argument is simply that New York looks
- 22 the same as other states in the Northeast. And as

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- 1 long as the inflation is -- as long as the mistakes
- 2 they're making -- if they're mistakes -- are -- are
- 3 constant, than they might still be useful for
- ⁴ comparison purposes.
- So I -- I don't have reason to believe
- 6 that they only messed up New York and didn't mess
- 7 up others. But if you're making it -- if it's a
- 8 similar inflation mistake that's going with
- ⁹ rounding errors from estimating pop -- per 100,000,
- 10 then estimating times population. That should be a
- 11 relatively symmetric set of rounding errors.
- So the main point here is simply, look,
- 13 New York looks the same as the rest of New England.
- 14 Q Right.
- A In fact, actually, New York, just to call
- 16 your attention, this is slightly worse on some of
- 17 these -- some of the gun homicide numbers. So
- 18 it -- it doesn't seem like this law is
- 19 distinguishing New York in its low intimate partner
- ²⁰ violence numbers compared to its New England peers.
- 21 Q Now, just to be clear once again -- you
- 22 keep using this -- your -- your opinion is that the

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	Page 314 numbers in Diez and Zeoli are slightly inflated.	1	Page 31 just direct your attention to certain portions.
2	But I've just explained to you that	2	And while you're reading them, I will
3	Dr. Zeoli testified that they are not inflated;	3	quietly tell the court reporter that we have marked
	they're actually used from a more reliable source,		as Defendants' Exhibit 4 a seven-page article from
5		1	the poststar.com newspaper, dated December 28th,
6	A Yeah.	l	2010. And that was Exhibit 4.
7	Q just to be clear about	7	Defendants' Exhibit 5 is a five-page
8	A And just	8	newspaper article from an online article from the
9	Q the record.		NBCNewYork.com news network. And that's dated
10	A just to be clear, I'm I'm only	1	let me see if I can find the date. August 3rd,
11		l	2017.
12		12	Have you had a chance to review those
13	A published reports.	13	documents?
14	Q Right. So I just want to go back to	14	A I have.
15	this.	15	Q So we were talking about these.
16	Based on the Diez report, which you rely	16	They were marked in the context of your
17		17	conclusion on page 16 of your report that said,
18	report, based on table 2, appendix table 2, which	18	Ultimately I could not find a single reported case
19	show only 9 of 50 states have the use of	19	over the last 20 years of an accidental handgun
20	instrumentality of a gun, for IPH, less than 50	20	death of a child that corresponds to the
21	percent, do you want to amend your conclusion that	21	hypothesized scenario that Dr. Sege believes.
22	most that many states and as you testified,	22	And it goes on from there.
1	Page 315 the majority of states use knives as the most	1	Page 31 I just want to direct your attention to
- 1	common instrumentality for IPH?	2	Exhibit 4, first, when looking at the first page of
3		1	that.
4	states.	4	And I note that it reads, Police have
5		5	charged a 12-year-old boy with manslaughter and his
6	A And I will look into this. Because I	1	56-year-old father with endangering the welfare of
7	think there may be data quality issues that are	1	a child in connection with the shooting death of
8		8	12-year-old Nicholas Naumkin of Wilton last
9	•		Wednesday.
10		10	And it goes on to specify that Naumkin, a
11	A The well, one out of five, that seems	11	seventh grade student, was visiting a classmate at
12	many.	12	a residence when the two boys were left alone in
13	Q Okay.	13	the residence for more than three hours. They
14		1	found a handgun and ammunition in the father's
15	•	1	bedroom.
16		16	And on the next page it says, The
17	Q Okay. Before I forget and/or we run out	17	handgun, which is registered to 56-year-old Edward

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(Witness looked at document).

18 of time, let's look at Exhibits 4 and 5. All

19 right. So there's the two originals.

A Ah, yes. Right.

Q And you can read those. I'm going to

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18 O'Rourke, was unloaded and sat in a holster in the

So would you agree with me that this

²² Dr. Sege's hypothesis about accidental gun death,

21 article meets the qualifications set forth in

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19 man's bedroom.

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1	Page 318 handgun deaths of children in New York state?	1	Page 320 records.
2	A Yes. You found one case.	2	So this could be this is, I think, a
3	Q Okay. Great.	3	really valuable, productive role for the State to
4	I'd also like to direct your attention to	l	play, if we want to get good estimates of this
5		l	stuff. And I would welcome all the evidence you
	article from 2017. And I note that in this	1	have to help us properly count these events.
	article, a Long Island teen playing with a loaded	7	Q I'd like to ask you a question.
		8	You said that you believed Dr. Sege
		9	limited his research to children under 1 4.
10	In this article, A 15-year old boy	10	Do you
	accidently shot and killed himself while playing	11	A At at
-		12	
	with a loaded gun at a friend's house Wednesday	13	`
	evening, police on Long Island said.		A different times, he invokes different
14	And I'll note that on the second page it		age yeah, at different points in his exposition,
- 1	says, Police say a retired county correction	15	position he uses different age ranges.
	officer lived in the home where the boy shot	16	Q Right.
1	himself, and the gun was owned by a licensed pistol	17	A And I make very explicit in my analysis
18	holder.	1	which age range I'm considering.
19	Do you see that?	19	Q Right. And Dr. Sege does not limit his
20	A I do.	20	report exclusively to children under the age of 14.
21	Q And would you agree with me that that	21	Did you have a chance to read Dr. Sege's
22	second article, Defendants' Exhibit 5, meets the	22	deposition testimony in this case?
1	qualifications set forth by Dr. Sege?	1	A I did not.
2	A So in two ways it does not.	2	Q And if you didn't read that deposition
3	Q Okay.	3	testimony, did counsel advise you that during that
4	A Well, one way it obviously does not. The	4	deposition Dr. Sege was asked by counsel to define
5		5	what he meant by "children" throughout his report;
6	Sege focused on ages zero to 14. And the	6	and that he meant anyone under the age of 19? Did
7	entire discussion of children was a discussion of	7	you were you familiar with that testimony?
8	that age group. I notice this was a 15-year-old	8	A Well, I'm that's I'm not familiar
1	boy, so I technically, it's not within Sege's	9	with that testimony. He certainly does, at one
10		10	point, group ages 1 4 and under
11	Interestingly, I notice he's a a	11	Q Right.
12	was a former corrections officer. And my	12	A in his written remarks. And as a
	understanding is that many former law enforcement	13	matter I think of larger analysis here, if your
	have availed themselves of exemptions. It'd be		concern it strikes me as different types of
15		1	concerns, that a a child below the age of
	exemption from public disclosure. I you know,		reason, a toddler finding a gun, that seems to be
17		1	one sort of scenario.
18	But but I have to say, this is I	18	A you know, those aged 15 and other
19		19	
	found. Because I'd be actually very surprised	20	
- 1	that if this is only one, a case you found.	1	in crime, it strikes me as the you know, what an
- 1			
22	Presumably, you had access to to many, many	122	accidental death the types of accidental deaths

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1 that might happen in different age ranges are of --
                                                             1 those in high school, those who have a license to
 <sup>2</sup> actually, kind of -- we need to disaggregate the
                                                             <sup>2</sup> drive, those who, you know, have a -- a great deal
 <sup>3</sup> types of concerns that you might have there.
                                                             3 more agency and also capacity to reason at that
          And so, yeah, my analysis, consistent
                                                             4 age.
 <sup>5</sup> with what Sege identifies in his state -- in his
                                                                      So, again, it strikes me that the overall
 <sup>6</sup> report, as a zero to 14 range, is explicitly what I
                                                             6 argument of Dr. Sege is an argument about parental
 <sup>7</sup> say I confine my analysis to.
                                                             <sup>7</sup> control, exercise of parental control. And the
                                                             8 hypotheses scenarios he seems to be particularly
      Q Do you believe that parents of 15-, 16-,
 9 17-, and 18-year-olds do not have an interest in
                                                             9 concerned of are, you know, kids playing at other
                                                            10 houses on play dates with playmates.
10 learning if their children's playmates have guns to
                                                            11
11 the same extent that children -- the parents of sub
                                                                      It strikes me it's a very different
12 14-year-olds do?
                                                            12 argument about what you can do with 16-, 17-,
       A I suspect, based on memory and
                                                            13 18-year-olds from a parental standpoint.
observation, that parents of 15-, 16-, 17-year-olds
                                                                   Q But Dr. Sege, in his report, didn't limit
15 are -- are lucky if they even know who their kids
                                                            15 his conclusions to children under 14. In fact,
                                                            16 he -- he cites statistics that deal with
16 are playing with.
17
       O And --
                                                            <sup>17</sup> adolescence -- children in adolescence, younger
                                                            18 than 20 years, and unintentional firearm-related
       A And so I observe that there's much more
19 agency at that level. You know 16-year-olds can
                                                            19 injuries.
<sup>20</sup> drive. So I get if -- if the entire argument here
                                                            20
                                                                      So what I'm wondering is was your cutoff
21 is that parents are exercising tight control, I
                                                            21 at 14 based on your interpretation of Sege's
                                                            22 report, that that was his focus, or was that based
22 understand that for a toddler. Or I understand
                                                  Page 323
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 1 that for a first-grader. The idea that this
                                                             <sup>1</sup> upon your own determination that -- that 14 was
 <sup>2</sup> mechanism is gonna exhort -- exert enormous
                                                             <sup>2</sup> kind of -- that zero to 14 was the more relevant
 <sup>3</sup> preventive control at the age of 16, 17, 18, I
                                                             3 category?
 4 think is a stretch.
                                                                   A Well, yeah, it's the -- the mechanism at
       Q Now, did you cut off your review of data
                                                             <sup>5</sup> the heart of his argument is parents exerting
 6 for children under 14 because there are
                                                             6 control. I -- it -- it beggars, let's say,
 <sup>7</sup> considerable more number of incidents involving
                                                               credulity, to think that -- well, as you said, it
 8 children above the age of 14, from 1999 to 2017,
                                                               goes to up to year -- 20 years old, that your 17-,
 <sup>9</sup> pursuant to the data you cited in footnote 19 on
                                                             9 18-, 19-year-olds are, you know in the tight grip
10 page 13?
                                                             of their parents who are determining every house
11
                                                             11 they visit. Come on.
       A On page 19?
12
                                                             12
          (Witness looked at document). So two
                                                                       The argument -- the mechanism he lays out
13 things. One is in the way that ages are binned on
                                                            13 is one of parent -- parents vetting the playmates
                                                             of their children in the zero to 14 category,
14 the CDC website, zero to 14 is a -- a bin.
15
          So it's a -- it's natural that Dr. Sege
                                                             15 which, again, he does specifically use. So it
<sup>16</sup> would use that as a category. It also makes
                                                            16 seems to me the appropriate thing to evaluate for
17 conceptual sense. You know, I mean under 14, you
                                                            17 that mechanism.
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18 are largely -- you are certainly more in your

19 parents' control, certainly at least till the end

And it strikes me that there is an

²² important conceptual distinction between, say,

20 of middle school and whatnot.

Q So was it your contention that parents

A My contention is that their capacity to

22 is much diminished, and that if Sege's argument is

19 don't monitor their 15-, 16-, and 17-year-old's

whereabouts or that they shouldn't?

Washington, DC Page 328 ¹ particularly one about parental control, it seems ¹ individuals. So we're not just talking the 15 to ² to be one that's primarily towards what we think of ² 18 or 15 to 20 range. So we're also talking, what, 3 as children. ³ five times the population? Right? Just to be Q What's the demarcating line between 14 4 clear. Right? We're -- so zero -- you know, zero 5 and 15 years old then? Why a line between those 5 to 15 -- what do people live to these days, 80s? 6 two numbers? ⁶ So my question -- so it seems to me your question A You could ask the Centers for Disease ⁷ is what is -- is the distribution roughly even 8 Control. I mean, intuitively, colloquially, I 8 between age groups, and the --9 would think, though, the difference between Q Yeah, maybe I'll -- let me articulate. grade -- or middle school and high school. And all MR. CHUCK COOPER: Go ahead and finish 10 ¹¹ these responsibilities. 11 your answer. 12 What, age 15 you can start driving. Age THE WITNESS: So, yeah, and again, maybe 13 15 -- I mean we recognize this is society, right. 13 you can rephrase your question. 14 A driver's license is -- effectively, learner's 14 BY MR. DAGUE: 15 permits begin at age 15. There's all these 15 O Yeah. 16 responsibilities that begin in your high school A The -- so this is -- you know, if you 17 years. You reach capacity on reason. You can give would've thought it were just broke down by age 18 consent in all sorts of ways. This isn't an 18 group, you might expect -- 15 divided by 80 or 90, 19 arbitrary distinction. 19 to be in that group, and yet it turns out -- and --Q Doesn't the data actually demonstrate 20 and, again, the entire argument is that this is 21 that in reality adolescents are considerably more gonna save the lives of children. 22 at risk for unintentional firearm-related injuries? So it turns out that most of these Page 327 A I think adolescents are considerably more ¹ accidental handgun deaths are occurring in people ² at risk of every type of injury. What the data ² age 15 and older. It doesn't seem like there's an 3 doesn't show --³ epidemic of child violence, you know, playmates, Q Go ahead. I'll follow up. I'm sorry. I 4 toddlers, over at their -- other people's houses. didn't mean to cut you off. ⁵ To a degree -- and, again, we're talking about A Let me qualify. Many types of injuries, 6 small numbers. Right? 15 people. I believe more 7 it strikes me -- accidental injury increase in people than that have died on bicycles in New York 8 adolescents. But, again, it's -- it's -- what's ⁸ City over the -- since the beginning of this year. 9 the mechanism. The hypothesized mechanism whereby ⁹ These are small numbers. this is gonna be preventing all these, Sege's did But, yes, it doesn't surprise me that 11 not make a compelling, nor have I heard a ¹¹ adolescents -- and I -- I would speculate people 12 compelling way, which this is gonna save probably in their early to mid 20s suffer accident 13 18-year-olds from visiting the friend's house their 13 rates at higher levels than toddlers. But just 14 parents don't approve of. 14 simply to say that toddler probably -- the child Q No, I -- I was just noting, because your 15 under their parents' control problem is probably 16 cutoff -- well, strike that. 16 not the right way to think about this law being 17 Look at your footnote 19, would you agree 17 effective. Because there's little evidence that --18 that individuals 15 and above have a, based on 18 that even in that hand -- that group, much is going 19 on. 19 these data, a 16 times more rate than individuals zero to 14 of unintentional gun injury, based on Q Okay. So let me go back to the question

21 the CDC data you cite?

A Yeah, again, we're talking all

²¹ I actually asked. I was looking at your footnote

22 19.

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1	Page 330 A Uh-huh.	1	A I'm aware that they exist in many
2	Q And in that, you state that the number of	2	jurisdictions.
3	accidental handgun deaths in New York from '99 to	3	Q And would you believe that those laws
4	2017 was 16; and the number of accidental handgun	4	were created, in part, to protect bicycle owners in
5	deaths of those age 15 and above was 15?	5	operation injury or death while operating the
6	A That's correct.	6	bicycle?
7	Q Okay. So is that number from 15 to what,	7	A It sounds plausible.
8	to 20, or is that	8	Q Okay. And would you agree that those are
9	A Oh, 15	9	both those those laws alone would both
10	Q number 15	10	constitute initiatives by New York to restrict
11	A to death.	11	bicycle use (unintelligible).
12	Q That's what I was trying to figure.	12	A Wait, wait.
13	A Sorry. Sorry. I didn't understand that	13	Q I'm sorry. Would you agree that both of
14	question. 15 to death.	14	those laws would constitute initiatives by New York
15	Q That's what I was trying to figure out.	15	State to restrict bicycle use in light of dangers
16	Right. Thank you.	16	posed?
17	Now, you mentioned the bicycle thing.	17	A To make clear, what I say in that
18	And you reference that in your report. And you	18	sentence, I'm aware of no initiatives to contradict
19	talk about that at page 10, at paragraph 3, if I	19	the control or restrict or control bicycle
20	recall. In the paragraph that starts "curiously,"	20	ownership.
21	you're making a comparison between the intimate	21	Q Uh-huh.
22	partner homicide rates and the number of bicycle	22	A So I know you introduced the term "use"
1	deaths in New York City alone over the last seven	1	Page 333 there. And I wanna be clear
	months.	2	
3	And you state, Over the last seven	3	
4	months, 14 people have been killed on bicycles in	4	claim. I I am still aware of no initiatives
	New York City alone, but I am aware of no		that restrict use. So are you pointing to me any
ı	initiatives to restrict or control bicycle	1	that restrict use I mean, pardon me, that
7	ownership.	7	restrict
8	Okay. Do you see that?	8	Q Owner.
9	A I do.	9	A ownership?
10	Q Did you do any research into New York	10	Q Right. And
11	bicycle laws before that opinion?	11	A So
12	A I didn't, although I noticed since I	12	Q well
13	wrote that, more recently, I believe there is some	13	A there's not on that, but you're
14	discussion in New York to find ways of controlling	14	-
15		Ì	laws that say you can't be shooting firearms while
16	Q And are you aware of bike helmet laws?		intoxicated.
17	A I am aware they exist in many locations.	17	Q Right.
18	Q And are you aware of that New York has	18	A That would seem a reasonable restriction
19	a bicycle helmet law?	19	of use. But what I'm discussing here is ownership.
20	A It would not surprise me.	20	Q Are you claiming that that PL 400 is a
21	Q And are you aware of bicycling while	21	
22	intoxicated laws?	22	A Yes. The claim is that this could

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1 provide reason for citizens not to seek ownership

² because of the burdens that disclosure placed on

3 them.

Q But in the same way, couldn't law about

5 wearing a helmet with a bicycle preclude ownership

6 of a bicycle?

The law itself has nothing to do with

8 ownership; your claim is that the downstream effect

9 could chill someone's right to ownership; isn't

10 that right?

11 A It's not clear to me why that would

12 restrict ownership. It might restrict use in some

13 places, but --

14 Q Okay. Your claim is that PL 400 --

15 A Uh-huh.

Q -- restricts ownership of guns because

people will be afraid to own guns in light of the

18 effect of --

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q -- 400, right?

21 A Right.

Okay. So you would agree that PL

1 400 itself on its face is not a law that restricts

² ownership, it's the downstream effect of it that

you hypothesize may affect ownership, right?

A It has a -- it can dramatically increase

5 the cost of ownership to a person, the personal

6 cost that they will pay if they seek to have a

⁷ legally owned firearm.

O Right. And by the same token, laws

9 affecting guns or -- or excuse me, bicycle safety

10 could have the same downstream effect, and,

¹¹ therefore, be interpreted as impinging on ownership

12 in the same manner as you hypothesize --

A You'd have --

14 O -- here --

15 A -- to make --

16 Q -- right?

A -- the argument -- if bicycle helmets

18 cost \$1,000, I could see that sort of argument.

19 You know, I take it there are no laws out there

20 that require guns to be sold with a, say, trigger

21 lock. Those seem to be not -- not -- in -- in no

²² order of magnitude near the kind of burden we're

1 talking about here.

So helmet laws, again, they govern use,

3 not ownership. But unless there's some prohibitive

4 cost there, it's not clear to me that that analogy

5 holds.

O Okay. So you're -- just to be clear,

⁷ your contention is that PL 400 is a law that

8 restricts ownership of a gun?

A It raises the burden, it raises the costs

10 of seeking legal ownership. And for people that

11 don't want to bear those costs, that's -- that is a

12 form of -- of -- it's a barrier.

13 Q Right And --

14 It's a --

15 O -- you don't --

16 A -- barrier to ownership.

17 Q New York's motorcycle helmet law would

18 raise the cost --

19 A Motorcycle?

20 -- of owning -- yes, motorcycle.

21 A motorcycle?

22 0 Yeah.

New York's motorcycle helmet law would

² raise the cost of owning a motorcycle; and in

³ the -- so in the same token, it could potentially

4 restrict control or ownership of a motorcycle --

A The question --

Q -- right?

A -- is question is how much does it -- the

8 relevant question is, by how much? How large is

9 this cost? So it might cost me five minutes to

10 fill out a form. That might be a reasonable cost.

11 It might cost me \$10 to get a bike helmet. In the

12 scheme of things, that might not be a prohibitive

13 cost

14 If it cost me my social standing or a job

or like my wife can't get into this club, well,

16 that -- now we're -- now we're talking a much

¹⁷ higher level. So it -- for me, the question is:

18 How large are these costs; and what's the potential

19 damage accrued from them?

Q You talk about the cost of costing me a

²¹ job or my social standing.

Do you have any data evidence to support

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1	Page 338 there's a single individual in New York who has	1	Page 340 calls IPH, or intimate partner homicide.				
2	lost a job or their social standing because of	2	So did you offer some testimony and a				
3	information disclosed on a PL 400?	3	report with respect to knives as they relate in				
4	A So if you asked me the same thing about	4	that?				
5	racial discrimination	5	A Yes.				
6	Q That's not what I asked you, Doctor.	6	Q Okay. Now, does New York require permits				
7	A But I I so here's what I would say.	7	to purchase knives?				
8	The evidence that I think is compelling on that	8	A Not to my knowledge.				
9	front is is the evidence that I cited	9	Q Do you know of any states that requires				
10	MR. DAGUE: Off the record.	10	permits to purchase knives?				
11	(Recess)	11	A Not that I know of. There may be some				
12	BY MR. DAGUE:	12	that for insurance, but				
13	Q I'm going to ask the court reporter to	13	Q Sure.				
14	read back the last question, and give you an	14	A not that I know of.				
15	opportunity to fully respond to that.	15	Q Okay. Do you have any idea of how many				
16	(The reporter read the record as	16	domestic homes own a knife?				
17	requested.)	17	A I would expect that many, if not most.				
18	THE WITNESS: The evidence I have is	18	Q Right				
19	about unconscious bias, which is hard to measure.	19	Fair to estimate the number would be				
20	But no, I do not have a documented case that you	20	close to a hundred percent?				
21	just referred to beyond those complaints.	21	A That sounds reasonable.				
22	BY MR. DAGUE:	22	Q Okay. And, obviously, that would be				
1	Q Okay. Thank you.	1	$$^{\mbox{\tiny Page}}$$ 341 because knives have some utility in the home for				
2	Now, not to go backwards too far, but we	2	cooking or other additional purposes, fair?				
3	had some discussion of kind of the age ranges with	3	A Yes.				
4	respect to children.	4	Q Okay. So your position, as stated here,				
5	Do you remember that?	5	drawing an analogy between knives and guns, is it				
6	A Right.	6	fair to say that requiring permitting or public				
7	Q And just to clarify the record, do you	7	release of the owners of knives would be of no				
8	have any expertise in developmental childhood	8	relevance because everyone would be on that list?				
9	development or development	9	A I think this is an excellent point. And				
10	A No.	10	I agree precisely in the way you say that. So if				
11	Q on age ranges?	11	99.99 percent of knife owners are not the source of				
12	I'm turning pages. That's a good sign.	12	problems, it would be uninformative to take a				
13	Okay. I want to direct your attention to	13	population that's so large and specifically require				
14	page 10 of your report at the third paragraph.	14	disclosure, when most of those clearly aren't gonna				
15	Again, we're talking about the role of knives and	15	be used in harmful ways.				
16	intimate partner violence. And we looked at the	16	MR. DAGUE: Could you read that back for				
17	Diez study before, so we're going to go back to	17	me?				
18	that.	18	(The reporter read the record as				
19	But you draw the comparison between	19	requested.)				
20	knives and firearms, as used in what I've called DV	20	BY MR. DAGUE:				
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22 partner violence. And I believe what Dr. Zeoli

22 at, was there any information respecting the

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¹ mortality rate of domestic violence incidents

- ² involving knives versus domestic violence incidents
- 3 involving guns?
- 4 A Not that I recall.
- ⁵ Q Okay. Do you know if that was discussed
- 6 by Diez at all?
- A I don't recall.
- Q Would you expect there to be a
- ⁹ considerable difference in mortality rate in those
- 10 incidents, or do you not have an opinion as to --
- A You know, I don't know.
- 12 Q Okay. On page 11 of your report,
- paragraph 2, you talk about the use of the domestic
- incident report in -- that police have access to.
- Do you see that?
- 16 A Yes.
- Q Do you know how those domestic incident
- 18 reports are completed?
- 19 A Say more --
- 20 O Sure.
- 21 A You mean by hand or --
- Q Well, yeah, that's a good point

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- 1 How is that instrument used by a police
- ² officer? Do you know?
- 3 A Briefly, my understanding is that there's
- 4 a system that New York City uses, I believe. And
- 5 then there's a system the rest of the state uses.
- 6 I think -- I don't know if they have different
- 7 names or whatever. But I believe this refers to
- 8 what the majority of New York State uses.
- 9 There's been attempts the last few years
- 10 to -- to make sure this is both comprehensive
- 11 and -- and well updated. So I believe there exists
- 12 now this electronic database. And I know at least
- that they can be queried by those within the law
- 14 enforcement community. And I can imagine many uses
- 15 for it.
- 16 Q Okay. Do you know when a police officer
- 17 in New York fills out a DIR, a domestic incident
- 18 report, if they have access to gun ownership
- 19 information at their -- at that time?
- 20 A I mean just to make sure I understand the
- ²¹ question, so you're saying so they come to a house.
- 22 They adjudicate some incident. It's after the

- ¹ fact. And now they're filling it out. I would
- ² expect -- although I do not know -- that a police,
- 3 if they wanted to query, when they approach the
- 4 house, whether it has a handgun permit, that that
- would be feasible. I don't know the protocol the
- 6 police have.
- O Do you know if the police fill that out
- 8 just based on observational evidence when they're
- ⁹ filling that out at the scene?
- A So if I recall, I looked at the actual
- 11 form. And I believe there are some things that
- have notes and may -- or maybe this is an
- ³ accompanied form.
- But it's to the effect of, you know --
- 15 this may not be the language, but like estimate or
- 16 based on your observation. And so it -- there --
- ¹⁷ it is a relatively -- there's many things that they
- 18 can report. And so I would imagine they reported
- 19 to the best of their ability.
- Q Okay. Do you know if police at the time
- 21 when they fill out the DIR have access to the PL
- 22 400 records?

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- A I -- I don't. But I would assume law
- ² enforcement could query handgun ownership records
- ³ if they wanted to.
- 4 Q Okay. Now, at the bottom of 11 onto 12,
- 5 you talk about this DIR registry as a comparator to
- 6 PL 400.
- Do you see that, that testimony in your
- 8 report?
- 9 A Yes, as a resource for domestic violence,
- 10 yes, it seems --
- 11 Q Okay.
- 12 A -- like it could serve similar purposes.
- Q Now, you posit that we have a -- here, we
- 14 have a clear case of the State collecting
- 15 information that directly pertains to DV, and which
- 16 could be a material value in anticipating and
- ¹⁷ avoiding intimate partner violence.
- Do you see that?
- 19 A Yes.
- Q Okay. But now in Dr. Zeoli's hypothesis,
- |21 in the situation she proposes, the -- the DV victim
- ²² already knows that the individual is a perpetrator

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¹ of domestic violence, right?

A Just to be clear, there are two sorts of

³ arguments I'm making here. One is: What sort of

4 knowledge would be useful to help prevent domestic

5 violence? And it strikes me that there are

⁶ circumstances. If I'm meeting somebody online, I

7 want to decide to make -- romantically involved

8 with them. It seems like it would be extremely

⁹ useful if I could look up to see if they have a

10 record of domestic abuse, because there is evidence

11 that people are repeat abusers.

So the only claim I'm making here is that

¹³ a repository like this seems to me it would be

14 extraordinarily valuable, even for screening

15 romantic intimate partners. And it's -- you might

16 think surprising, given how important Dr. Zeoli and

17 others say it -- domestic -- what a big problem

18 that is, that the public can't avail themselves of

19 that information.

But on the specific of guns, yes, I -- I

21 agree these are two separate issues.

Q Okay. And that's what I was just driving

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1 at, is I think we agree that --

A Yeah. Sorry.

Q -- maybe Dr. Zeoli would be in favor of

⁴ the public release of information.

But with respect to the hypothesis that

6 she's put forward, the DIR would not necessarily be

⁷ helpful to the woman or man who already knows their

8 domestic partner is a perpetrator of DV, and now

9 wants to find out if they have a gun; is that fair?

A That's fair. And my understanding is

11 that the law would allow you to request a handgun

12 restriction even on the basis of knowledge of

13 suspected past DV.

O Explain that to me. I'm not sure I

15 followed.

A So I believe I -- I cited here the

¹⁷ conditions for seeking an order of protection.

18 The -- and I apologize, just to make sure I quote

19 here correctly.

20 (Witness looked at document). So the

21 respondent must have inflicted physical injury or

22 threatened to use a deadly weapon or dangerous

instrument or the court must find substantial risk

² that they use or threaten.

So it strikes me as if you know someone's

4 violent, that in itself could be evidence to get

⁵ this. I guess the second question is: Could a

⁶ petitioner still be able to access these records

⁷ themself and being public, and could they just go

8 to the report?

Q Access -- and we're talking about the --

A The -- the --

11 O -- DIR --

12 A -- yeah, the -- or pardon me, the -- both

13 the DIR, but also like the -- the PL 400. You

14 know, is there any reason that it has to be public.

15 Couldn't just petitioners access that?

Q You hypothesize -- or you discuss in here

¹⁷ that -- another manner.

I believe you said a less invasive manner

19 of getting the PL 400 information would be for a

20 court or a law enforcement to get that information;

21 is that right?

²² A Right.

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Q Okay. Now, would you accept that a

² victim of DV who is seeking a protective order may

3 not want to put their exclusive faith in the

⁴ justice system or the police, they may want to

5 check for themselves to determine that they're

6 livelihood and safetyhood (sic) -- or safety is

7 taken care of, and not rely upon a judge?

8 A Just make sure I understand --

9 Q Sure. Sure.

10 A -- it would be the same underlying

11 database in either case, right?

Q Sure. Yeah.

A So I guess it's unclear to me why I guess

14 FOIA-ing the request would be any more or less

15 reliable than actually going to an officer of the

16 law who could type in electronically and have

17 immediate access. So I -- I agree, but it's the --

18 it's the same underlying data. I don't understand

19 why one would be -- it seems to me actually the

20 court would probably be more reliable if there's

21 some conduit for that, rather than having to go do

22 the FOIA thing.

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Q But as it presently exists, is there a conduit for that?

A Not that I know of. It seems a trivial
 technological ability to set it up.

Q Right. But as we exist in the current situation, if a victim of DV wanted this information so he or she could file a protective

order application, there is no current mechanism
 for that person to be confident that the court

could get the information via some sort of conduit or technological system, right?

A That would surprise me, but perhaps that is the case.

Q Okay. If you don't mind, go back to page 15 10 of your report.

A Sure.

Q The first full paragraph the first sentence says, Although Dr. Zeoli is not aware of any evidence that order-of-protection petitioners

have searched for and used handgun license information, and this information has historically

22 not been easy to search.

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Do you see that?

A Yes.

³ Q What did you mean by, This information is ⁴ not historically easy to search?

A Historically, my understanding is, you
would have to fire a -- file FOIA-like request. It
could be a delay. It's some difficulty to figure
ut how to do that. Whereas if you were in one of
the counties that had the journalist disclose his
database, it's as easy as getting on your computer

¹¹ and Googling. I mean it takes a few seconds.

12 Relatively easy to access.

Q Okay. I want to turn our attention to
page 12 of your report and beyond, looking at
Dr. Sege's -- your points with respect to Dr. Sege.
So, again, one of your main concerns and
conclusions attacks with -- strike all that. It's
getting late.

One of your main criticisms of Dr. Sege's report is that he speculates as to whether parents have used PL 400 for information with respect to gun ownership; is that fair?

¹ A Yes.

Q Okay. Again, I think I may -- we may
 have touched on this briefly, but where would such

4 information ever be available, respecting whether

parents have used PL 400 to find out information

6 and then put it into effect?

A Very briefly, it seems two options. One,
 since he's working with the State, presumably he

 $^{9}\,$ had asked the -- the -- wherever -- the counties

¹⁰ that possess this information: How many requests

11 do you get each month, each year? And if it turns

12 out that number is really, really low, well, it'd

be a hard argument to make that this is being

14 systematically used on a mass scale.

But then, and the second would be this sort of comparative analysis. You know, if he had

17 some evidence that New York, you know, had

18 different rates of -- dramatically from different

¹⁹ neighboring states. But I -- I -- it would be

²⁰ fascinating to actually know the number of

21 inquiries by county, because they must have those

²² records somewhere.

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Q Okay. So in order to -- you think if --

² if someone requested from a county-by-county basis

3 how many times a FOIL request had come in under PL

4 400, they could get a sense as to how many times it

5 was being used by parents, or just how many times

6 it was being used in general?

A Well, being used in general. And,

8 presumably, parents are gonna be at least a subset

9 of that. And if it's a hundred thousand, that

10 means you could try to estimate the subset. If

11 it's ten, it's harder to make the larger argument

12 about its public value.

13 Q Okay.

4 A Historically, at least.

Q On page 12 again, looking at the next

paragraph, you're discussing Dr. Sege's hypothesis

17 that PL 400 could be used by parents to find this

18 type of the information out in order to hopefully

19 counsel or avoid sending their children to

20 playmates' homes.

And you say, quote, However, if a parent does want to know if a household in which his or

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her child might play has a firearm, the parent can
 always just ask.

3 Do you see that?

A Right

Q Okay. Now, if a parent were to take that

6 advice and just ask, how would the parent know if

the respondent was being truthful?

A Right. One assumption I guess that I

9 begin with is that parents aren't dropping their

10 kids off at randomly selected houses, but there

¹¹ will be some social connection and knowledge and

12 basis of -- of trust. So it strikes me that we're

¹³ already talking about social circumstances in which

14 the reason somebody might have to lie are gonna be

15 less than picking a random person off the street.

You know, you could imagine, too, still a

¹⁷ function if -- if a -- if a person felt awkward

¹⁸ about that or didn't want to talk about it, it

would still flag to them that, hey, there's a
 particular concern there; even if you're not

21 truthful, go and double-check and make sure it's

22 locked.

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And so it strikes me there's -- there's a lot of value in that question, both as a signal as

³ well as a -- a straight-forward inquiry. And I'd

4 like to say if it -- if -- again, it's an estimate,

⁵ but if only 50 percent of say guns are covered by

6 these disclosures to begin with, I'm speculating,

but I think you'd get a more truthful rate of

8 response just from parents.

⁹ Q Can you think of any reason why a parent

who would be asked that question in that situation

¹¹ might lie?

¹² A Yeah, sure. Social stigma, being worried

13 about what the other parent will think.

Q Right. And your own testimony in this

15 report was that you believe that social stigma,

16 ostrazation -- to the extent that's a word --

17 discrimination --

18 A Sure.

¹⁹ Q -- are viable concerns from individuals

20 in the community --

21 A Yes.

22 Q -- right?

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Okay. So if a parent asked a playmate's

² parent -- excuse me, if a parent asked that

³ question of a playmate's parent, you could foresee

4 there are circumstances based on the threat of

⁵ discrimination and others, ostracizing, where the

⁶ parent might lie and not be truthful and disclose

7 to the parent that there is, in fact, a gun in the

8 home?

A It's possible they would lie.

O Okay. So with the threat of lying, what

11 other recourse would the parent have to determine

12 if there is a gun in the home other than asking the

¹³ parent and anticipating a truthful answer?

A Yeah, so I -- I think the -- the question

15 itself still has its value by signaling concern.

16 And it can be a -- a reason for a parent to -- to

¹⁷ double-check to make sure this doesn't become an

18 issue. So there's that value. If the parent -- if

19 the initial parent thinks the other's being

²⁰ evasive, that might be reason for suspicion.

And if the -- I mean I guess -- and

22 eventually, the parent would have to think even

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1 with the probability of lying, what are the chances

² of this -- what are the -- what are the chances of

³ this really being a problem. Based on everything

⁴ else I know, is it more like lightening? Is it

5 more like -- I think some of these sessions --

6 sessions going on. So yeah, they'd have to use

7 their best judgment.

Q Okay. And you understand that Dr. Sege's

9 position is that in that type of case, PL 400

provides the parents another mechanism to check the

11 math, if you will, of the parent who they asked; is

¹² that --

13 A A --

Q -- do you understand that to be his

15 position?

A A -- a type of partials mechanism, yes.

17 Q Okay. Now, do you understand that

18 Dr. Sege also opines that asking that question, in

19 his experience as a pediatrician, could be

²⁰ difficult or awkward for parents?

A Yeah. I agree that -- that sounds right.

²² Q Okay. And do you understand that it's

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	Dr. Sege's position that in light of the potential awkwardness of that question and the fact that the	1	of things whose risk is approximate or greater. On a practical note, I could probably think of some
3	awkwardness results in people not asking it, that	3	more, you know
4	PL 400 provides parents with a non-awkward	4	Q Sure.
5	mechanism to try to find that information out? Do	5	A standard things you might ask. Maybe
6	you understand that to be his position?	6	medicine in the closet and that sort of thing.
7	A I understand the argument, yes.	7	Q Now, would you blame a parent for asking
8	Q Okay. And do you disagree with that	8	any or all of those questions when they drop their
9	position?	9	child off at a playmate's home?
10	A Briefly, yes, I have a a number of	10	A I wouldn't blame them for asking any of
11	concerns. One is: How much of an issue really is	11	them. If you're asking all of them, I might worry
12	this? And, again, if I had to ask ten questions	12	that there's some anxiety issues, that maybe this
13	that I thought were relevant to the safety of the	13	isn't a totally, you know, statistically reasonable
14	average child, I don't think this would make that	14	thing for people to be too worried about.
15	top ten list.	15	But there are specific circumstances that
16	Q Okay.	16	might make you more concerned about certain of
17	A So I think that's just from a risk	17	these things. And there are possibly you know,
18	perspective. Secondly, I do think if there's an	18	it could be a certainly to allay concerns,
19	existing social circumstance, that's gonna mitigate	19	something a parent might ask.
20	a lot of that social stigma concern. You have some	20	Q Just because something is statistically
21	existing relationship. But I understand the	21	less likely to happen, does that mean that parents
22	argument. I just think it's extremely small	22	should be not be concerned about it in this
1	numbers we're talking about. And the value of this	1	Page 361 context?
1	is very hard to document.	2	A I mean as a social scientist, yeah,
3	Q Okay. You said that there this type	3	that's my claim. And this is Steven Pinker's
4	of question wouldn't register as the top ten	4	claim. He says we have all these anxieties about
5	questions you would be interested in in terms of	5	things that are actually really unlikely. But
6	child safety in this type of context. Obviously, I	6	there's a lot of things in life that are actually
7	know your reason and colloquialism. I'm not gonna	7	more likely. You know, you should get a flu shot.
8	ask you to provide me ten.	8	And you should be worried about certain things.
9	But can you give me a sense as to what	9	And I understand the psychology of this
10	those would be?	10	and why, you know, we're not always wired to think
11	A Yeah, things like, you know: Are you	11	in statistical ways. But, yeah, I really don't
12	gonna be driving anywhere? Are they gonna wear	12	think this is this should be a major concern.
13	seatbelts? If it's a younger thing, do they have	13	Q Would you expect a parent or excuse
14	a a safety whatever harness?	14	me. Strike that,
15	I mean literally, if I have to put things	15	Would you find it more practical for a
16	above this, things like: Are there matches in the	16	parent to ask parents of a playmate about the
17	house? Where do you keep your knives? Where are	17	vaccination history of the children in the home as
18	the can people get to the bathtubs without you	18	opposed to the possession of a firearm?
19	observing them? Are they gonna be playing outside	19	A It strikes me that there are some
20	on a you know, in a period of lightening?	20	similarities between those two, in the sense that
21	You know, there's you can again,	21	they're both potentially stigmatized activities.
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22 I'm -- I'm -- right now, I'm just trying to think

²² They both, you know, do have potential -- you know,

Washington, DC Page 362 ¹ my mind, exactly what these harms were. As you ¹ some risk attached to them. So I could imagine ² them being things that parents are concerned about ² say, they seem to be small and anecdotal. 3 and questions they might ask. So that's something where I'd like -- I'd O In your opinion, does a law have to 4 just -- I'd like to hear the arguments on both ⁵ sides and evaluate that evidence. 5 address a considerable harm in order for it to be Q Yeah, and this kind of goes back to what 6 constitutional or legally valid? ⁷ I was asking at the beginning with respect to the A I think it has to be answered in the 8 cost benefit analysis. ⁸ context of a -- a cost benefit analysis. So I need 9 to know the magnitude of the harm, but I also need And I guess what I'm wondering is how do 10 to know the magnitude of the cost. And so it's 10 you quantify, in your field of expertise, where the 11 line is? Okay. 11 hard to say in the abstract, And -- and if you apply it to our O I mean don't we have many laws in this ¹³ particular circumstances, how do we quantify, in 13 country that -- that address which things on the 14 whole are smaller risks than potentially other 14 your mind, in your expertise, where we draw the 15 things? 15 line, where the -- is it -- is it numeric? It is A And sure, that makes a great amount of 16 number of deaths? Is it the -- the severity of the ¹⁷ sense, if the cost of doing so is also really ¹⁷ public's reaction to the amount of deaths? The 18 small. injustice from the amount of deaths? I mean where do we draw that line O Okay. I'm thinking about -- in recent ²⁰ years, I'm thinking about a rule towards banning 20 numerically? ²¹ vaping. A I think the argument needs to be made on 22 ²² a case-by-case basis. And just a very quick A Right. Page 363 ¹ digression. You know, in -- with my students, Q Based upon some allegorical information ² of, you know, anecdotal -- excuse me, anecdotal ² we'll talk about the effect of -- the Department of ³ information or maybe scientific information, a very Motor Vehicle's transportation -- has to make 4 small --4 estimates on the value of human life and traffic 5 laws; and we put the red light here, ten more A Allegorical may be right. O Yeah. 6 people die. If we raise this -- if we brought the -- are very small numbers of injuries and ⁷ speed limit down to 20 miles an hour everywhere in 8 this country, we could undoubtedly save countless 8 deaths? ⁹ lives. A Yeah. 10 Q But isn't that very common in the United 10 And I -- I don't mean this as a joke. 11 States, where -- where the law -- or excuse me, 11 It's like you just think through it. And you're 12 where we issue -- where a law is created even 12 like: Of course. You would save all these lives.

13 though the harm is not proportionate?

A I'm no fan of smoking, but the vaping

15 laws just seems to me, at least what I've heard,

16 you know, it -- it's obviously indefensible and

¹⁷ stupid from an economic perspective.

There -- there may -- I'm trying to think

19 if there's anything more analogous that would be

20 easier to defend. But, yeah, it's -- again, I'm

21 not an expert in this, but it strikes me as -- as

²² potentially very costly. And we don't yet know, in

There would be a cost. And it's -- it's

14 not -- it's a difficult -- I mean you really think

about that. And I think it just -- it ends up

being a case-by-case circumstances. We have so

17 many automobile deaths in this country. There's a

18 clear solution: Everyone drives 20 miles per hour.

We need to hear the arguments for what are the real

costs and what are the real benefits.

And I think of it as it being very

²² particular to the case.

Page 368 Q Would you agree with me that generally, ¹ know: What's our both legal and social ² as a society, we value children's lives higher than ² understanding of those harms? What do we do about ³ adult lives? Is that a fair assumption? 3 them? How concerned are we about them? And ask, A They had big debates of this at the you know: In -- in comparison then, you know, how does that make sense of -- you know, if the ⁵ Harvard's ethics center. And I know philosophers 6 who are on every side. But I -- I will admit to 6 magnitude of the harms by the -- the handful of these that happened, then, you know, what should be ⁷ you a general premise, that I think people talk --8 hold in higher esteem children's lives, yes. our appropriate proportional response to those as Q Okay. So -- you know, and what I'm well? 10 trying to get at is in this cost benefit analysis 10 Q So -- and what I'm wondering is you --¹¹ we were talking about kind of cold numbers of there you cite those, but obviously you're aware that 12 just aren't that many incidents, in your opinion, 12 there are laws and regulations and county ¹³ of this happening. 13 restrictions that relate to each one of those, 14 14 fair? What I'm wondering is do you factor in 15 15 the fact that there is a considerably higher degree A Sure. Yes. 16 of public outrage or protection over children that Q Okay. So those are areas that there are ¹⁷ may be involved in this, even if the numbers are ¹⁷ clearly a problem, based on the CDC numbers; but in 18 lower? Is that part of your equation? light of the problem, the State or the localities A Yes, I -- I totally grant there's a have taken efforts to address the problem, right? 20 psychology to this. And I think I understand the A Yes. And many of those efforts are 21 psychology you're pointing to. And -- and one can ²¹ understandable and reasonable. And you might still ²² understand, it's a visceral nature and why people 22 ask: Why don't we take more efforts? 104 children Page 369 1 feel this way and why sometimes, you know, that ¹ falling is too much, isn't it? Three hundred --² mobilizes people more. ² I'll -- I'll stop. But, yes, I -- exactly, And I think the only challenge is we -everything you just said is right. ⁴ we really do need to think about the big picture Q Right. So I mean, you know, looking at ⁵ and just go beyond our initial reaction. But yes, 5 the statistic, you say 50 children died of 6 these are all valid questions and concerns. 6 poisoning by drugs; 50 children is not a Q Okay. All right. So in your report, in particularly large number of children when you look 8 the Sege section, where -- I'm looking at page 14. at the entire population of New York state; is that 9 And I'm going to -- I'm looking at the bottom of 9 fair? 10 the first paragraph, talking about kind of 10 Yes. A small number. ¹¹ comparator statistics from the CDC during the same 11 Okay. 12 ¹² period in New York, talking about transportation A Percentage-wise, yes. 13 accidents, fire and smoke inhalation, deaths, Q Percentage-wise. But the state still 14 accidental drownings, submersion, falling deaths, takes active steps and has laws and regulations and poisoning, and drug deaths. other things in place to address poisoning -- yeah, 16 So I believe -- or let me ask you: Why to address or redress poisoning by drugs and ¹⁷ are you citing those statistics? alcohol of children, right? 18 What point do those make in this report? 18 Yes. 19 A Yeah, I'm trying -- I'm trying to 19 All right. 20 understand the magnitude of the incidents we're A And many of those, in their particulars, 21 talking about in context of other familiar everyday 21 might be fine. Certainly we could ban alcohol, and

²² items, activities. And, you know, first ask, you

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11 night. 11 Q Yes.	
	ole to?
12 A No, no. 12 A Yes. The knowledge of whether	
	er a child
MR. DAGUE: Give me a few to go over my 13 is, in fact, able to would be could be	useful.
14 stuff Q Okay. Do you agree that gun vi	iolence is
MR. DAVIS COOPER: Sure. 15 a problem in the United States?	
MR. DAGUE: talk to Monica. Let's see 16 A Could you say what you mean b	by "problem"?

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(At which point Mr. Dague switched, and

¹⁷ where we are. I mean I think in terms of time,

¹⁸ we're 30 to 45 minutes out, is my guess.

Ms. Connell began asking the questions.)

²² BY MS. CONNELL:

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Q Do you think it's a public health problem

A And just to be clear, by "public health

20 problem" -- maybe I can put it this way. I would

21 like to see deaths of all kinds decreased. I think

22 that's a -- a starting assumption of my social

18 in the United States?

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- ¹ scientist's work. There are some problems where
- ² there's low-hanging fruit, where part of the
- ³ scandal is there's -- there's things we can do I
- 4 think that are easy and cost-effective and
- ⁵ efficient. And if the problem is easy to solve --
- 6 and that's part of the scandal.
- ⁷ I would like to see fewer gun deaths.
- ⁸ It's an area where l, unfortunately, think there's
- 9 not a lot of low-hanging fruit. So it's an area
- 10 that -- again, like traffic deaths, like disease
- deaths, of course I could like to see them go down.
- 12 And it's part of being -- my interest in social
- 13 scientists. So as a general research problem,
- 14 it's -- it's worth studying. I'm not of the
- 15 opinion there's a lot of low-hanging fruit that
- would easily address it.
- 17 Q Are you familiar with studies regarding
- 18 the rate of violence -- firearms-related violence
- 19 in the United States as opposed to other
- 20 industrialized --
- 21 A Yes.

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Q -- nations?

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- And do you know what those studies
- ² generally indicate?
- A We own a lot more firearms than other
- 4 countries. And we also have a lot more deaths as a
- ⁵ result of firearms.
- Q And injuries?
- 7 A And injuries, yes.
- 8 Q And crimes committed with firearms, yes?
- ⁹ A Yes.
- Q Do you agree that the Government may have
- 11 a legitimate interest in reducing the effects of
- 12 gun violence?
- A Oh, sure. I think if there's a way to
- 14 reduce gun violence that is effective, efficient,
- 15 doesn't trample on rights, sure, it'd be great to
- 16 have less gun violence.
- Q So Dr. Hamilton opined that the
- 18 Government has a compelling interest in advancing
- 19 child safety.
- You saw that in her report, right?
- 21 A Right.
- ²² Q And you don't take issue with that

- ¹ statement, do you?
- A Of course, a government, if it's
- ³ feasible, should do everything it can. But, of
- ⁴ course, one needs to evaluate the actual proposals.
 - Q I'm talking -- when I say compel, I'm
- 6 using a legal term of art, when I say "compelling
- 7 interest." She cited some case for it. I didn't
- ⁸ notice you addressing that in your report.
- Do you take issue with the fact that the
- ⁰ United States Supreme Court has recognized that
- states have a compelling interest in safeguarding
- the health of children?
- A Yeah, in some sense I -- I think it's a
- rather nonprovertial (sic) -- controversial claim.
- 15 The controversy comes in how one does that.
- Q So you don't take issue with that point,
- that the United States --
- 18 A As a general --
- ¹⁹ Q -- Supreme --
- 20 A -- principle --
- Q -- Court has --
- 22 A -- it'd be --

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- Q -- stated that?
- A -- good to have less firearms violence.
- ³ And the Government has an interest in that, sure.
 - Q No, no, I -- my question --
- 5 A A compelling --
- Q -- is about --
- A -- interest, yes.
- O Yes. Thank you.
- 9 And that courts have recognized that this
- o interest is so compelling that sometimes the states
- ¹ may take steps even if it impacts another
- 12 Constitutional right?
 - A In the abstract, yes.
- Q Okay. Did you review the cases that
- ¹⁵ Professor Hamilton cited?
 - A Which cases are you referring to?
- ¹⁷ Q For example, in New York versus Ferber
- 18 and its progeny?
- 19 A No.
- Q Earlier today we talked about some cases
- 21 that you did cite. And I'm not sure I got -- I
- 22 heard the answer to this question.

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1	Page 378 Did you yourself research and pull those	1	Page 380 Law 400; is that correct?
2	cases that are cited in your report?	2	
3	And by cases, I mean like legal cases.	3	
4	A And just to make sure I understand you,	4	
5	for example, you mean, for example, the 19	5	seemed like the law was defining a term called
6	(Witness looked at document). I'm sorry.	l	"harassment." And here was an instance of it's
	So U.S. versus Brignoni-Ponce, 1975.		being defined, and it's it's sort of ordinary
8	Q I think you cited more than one case.	l	I guess ordinary language.
9	Did you pull them yourself from Lexus or	9	
10	Westlaw?	10	the position that the definition of harassment in
11	A I don't recall citing another case.	ļ	the first degree or harassment in the second degree
12	Q Okay. How did you get your hands on U.S.	i	is the definition of harassment in Penal Law 400?
13	versus Brignoni?	13	
14	A By the internet. And that was a publicly	14	11 1 40 110 4
15	available excerpt of parts of that case.	15	
16	Q In the context of your work on this case,	16	•
17		17	
18	A What do you mean by legal research?	18	
19	Q I mean searching statutory law or case	19	71 Hat's correct
	law.	20	
21	A So I certainly am am researching and	21	
ì	citing, for example, the language of Penal Law 400	22	11 That's correct
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1	dot, dot (5)(a), the definition of harassment in	1	correct?
2	New York. I suppose that would constitute	2	11 105.
3	researching the law, or some law.	3	Q Do you disagree with her positions as to
4	Q And did you pull for example, did you	4	
5	get those statutes yourself from the internet?	5	ways?
6	A Yes.	6	A Two brief things to say. I would not
7	Q And any case law that you cited, you,	7	doubt that being subject to gun violence is bad for
8	yourself, procured?	8	a variety of reasons, including those enumerated.
9	A Yes. I don't know I'm trying to think	9	My two concerns would be, one, how
10	if there's any other things I cited here between	10	prevalent and widespread are these incidents and
11	oh, so and like New York's labor law, Section	11	harms. And, second, again on the other side of the
12	21(d), I found that as well on the internet, so	12	balance sheet, how many people suffer fear because
13	yes.	13	they are not able to defend themselves; how many
14	Q So you, yourself, how did you come across	14	people have a home invader they're not able to
15	the definition of "harassment" for the purposes of	15	defend themselves against, how many I guess I
16	Penal Law 400?	16	suppose there's other things to take into
17	A I searched: New York law, harassment,	17	consideration, but I agree those things are worth
18	definition, and this is what came up.	18	considering.
19	Q And so you conclude that the definition	19	Q Okay. And you don't disagree that those
20	of harassment in the first degree and harassment	20	could be the effects on children of gun violence:
21	or harassment in the second degree is the	21	Exposure to

22 definition of the term "harassment" used in Penal

A It can be, yes.

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	Q onay. There you studied the cost of guil	opinion in part because you think the information
3	violence to society?	² given by Penal Law 400 is under-inclusive; am I
	11 1 70 columny soon different solve of	3 understanding you correctly?
- 1	estimates. And, in fact, you know, one thing I'll	4 A I'd say, first of all, if it were totally
	do in my classes, you know, we'll a little	5 inclusive, it'd be of relatively low statistical
- 1	discussion we'll look at the cost, for example,	6 value to begin with. As it happens, it also is
	cigarettes, the cost of alcohol, both of which I	7 under-inclusive. So it may not ever serve that
	think greatly exceed the cost of guns. And have	8 purpose, but and might give people a false sense
- 1	interesting debates about, you know: What why	⁹ of security with just that information.
	do we have them in our society? What's you	Q Right. So with that caveat, that you
	know, what a reasonable you know, cost and	think the numbers are small anyway, in your
	benefits are there?	opinion, Penal Law 400 would be more effective if
13	Q 7 that I may be able to	13 it included the names of people who possess long
14	11 Solly, 1	guns; is that correct?
15	Q Save you	A It would be more intelligibly tailored to
16	71 1 WIII	that supposed purpose.
17	Q Some time	Q And didn't include the exemptions; is
18	11 1 WIII	that correct?
19	2 110, 110, 1	A That it would yeah, you could make a
20	11 50113.	²⁰ stronger argument that it's performing that
21	Q didn't mean to menupi your answer,	²¹ function.
22	but when I say costs, I'm specifically talking	22 Q Professor Hamilton also stated that Penal
1	Page 383 about dollar value, money that we expend as a	Page 385 Law 400 would allow adults to get information about
2	society as a result of gun violence.	² access to firearms in homes where children are at
3	A I have seen estimates. I've also seen	³ risk; for example, at risk of domestic violence;
4	varying estimates. And I've I am concerned by	4 isn't that correct?
5	the variance in those estimates I've seen.	5 A So I'm trying to recall if that was
6	Q Have you, yourself, studied this issue?	⁶ Dr. Hamilton's point. And maybe you just said
7	A No.	⁷ that. I zoned out. But I I believe that
1	Q I'm going to just, in terms of the	8 argument was made by one of them. I don't know
9	question, go back a little bit over	⁹ Q Well, actually
10		10 A Did you say Hamilton? I'm sorry.
11	2 some similes you may have addressed.	Q Let me actually move on to a different
12	So Dr. Hamilton opined that Penal Law 400	12 A Okay.
13	offers parents and caregivers access to information	Q point that I was going to, which is
14	about whether there was a handgun in the home where	¹⁴ also that yeah, she did, in fact but it would
15	their child may go, correct?	15 allow people like teachers, therapists, medical
16	A A legally registered handgun, yes.	¹⁶ professionals, school administrators, to know
17	Q That's right.	whether a child who is at risk of either domestic
18	And that this may help them make more	18 violence or at risk of harming themselves or others
- 1	informed decisions about the safety of where their	19 would have access to a firearm, she opined about
20	children might present; is that correct?	20 that; isn't that correct?

A That's the idea, yes.

Q Right. And you disagree with that

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A That's my understanding, yes.

And you disagreed with that proposition,

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Washington, DC Page 386 Page 388 1 hygiene laws? 1 correct? A Yes. I had a concern with that, yes. A Not in any depth, no. Q And your concern is that allowing -- that How about education laws? 4 the parents getting -- or these other adults Not in any depth at all. ⁵ getting information from Penal Law 400 is not the Do you know situations in which an 6 best method to address those safety concerns, ⁶ educator or a healthcare provider must report concerns about a child to State officials? 7 right? A I would imagine there probably are many. A I would add at least two concerns. But you don't know? Uh-huh. Q 10 A One is -- so this concern about if in 10 Α No. 11 11 fact these problems are present. If you fear Okay. Are you aware of any studies about ¹² domestic violence, if you fear suicide, I don't see why people don't necessarily report suspicions of 13 why you would wait -- well, why only the gun thing, child abuse to authorities? 14 kids in households, get the extra attention. It A I could imagine some. 15 strikes me that most of the things we talked about 15 Are you familiar with them, with such 16 studies? 16 there should trigger flags, with or without guns, 17 particularly given that people might access guns 17 A Studies or -- yeah, I mean I -- my wife 18 is a teacher in D.C. public schools, so I'm -- I'm 18 outside of this system. So I -- I guess on that aware of some of these, yes. 19 side, it was unclear to me. Q Right. But I'm trying to find out if you And then the other thing was, you know, 21 if it does level -- arise to that level, it just ²¹ would consider yourself capable of rendering an

22 strikes me that the -- it'd -- it'd be fairly Page 387 ¹ feasible to have the state and their social workers ² and their law enforcement, you know, if a request 3 comes in from a teacher, you know, to verify that

So it strikes me that -- it's not clear

⁶ to me why that would require public disclosure.

⁷ But, again, it was like -- I think troubled kids

8 should get attention regardless of whether there is

a gun in their house.

4 information, to discuss it.

Q So if there were a system by which -- for ¹¹ example, mental health professional, could -- who

¹² was concerned that someone might present as a

13 safety risk to themselves or others, where they'd

14 have access to a gun, could confidentially report

15 that concern to officials, who could see if that

person has a gun license, you would support a

17 system like that?

A The details would have to be expounded.

¹⁹ But in principle, it's possible that a system like

20 that might do a much better job at respecting the

²¹ concerns I have, yeah.

Are you familiar with New York's mental

Why would some --

22 expert opinion in that regard.

A Oh.

Q -- in regard to why some people would

4 delay or hesitate in making a report to

⁵ authorities?

A Right, And just, just to answer the -- a

question you also -- as part of that, which is sort

8 of the basis of expertise. And I should just make

9 clear -- so, for ex -- my two most cited papers are

¹⁰ in genetics.

Q Uh-huh.

A I'm not a geneticist. That's not my area

13 of expertise. But my area of expertise is

14 evaluating statistical claims. And the

¹⁵ contributions I was able to make is to say, look,

here's a statistical problem, and the inference

¹⁷ that was drawn.

18 And so the expertise I'm claiming in many

¹⁹ of these areas is not that it's my primary form of 20 research, but that I think I'm equipped to evaluate

21 at least often statistical claim to public policy

22 claims. So I am not an expert in this.

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1	Q	Sure.	1	with th	Page 392
2	A	And my only basis for evaluating this	2	O	Do you consider yourself in expert in
3		be to evaluate claims that are made on behalf	3		overnment issues?
4	of the	the benefits of this law and its cost or	4	I	Oo you know what I mean by that?
5	statisti	cal in in issues of inference.	5		You know, it's interesting, when I was at
6	Q	Just to go back, though	6	Harvar	d's ethics center, that was a major
7	A	Yes.	7	initiati	ve of my boss and many colleagues. So I
8	Q	you wouldn't feel comfortable offering	8	would	say that I am somewhat familiar with that
9	an exp	ert opinion and you're not offering an	9	moven	nent. It's not my a core area of my
10	expert	opinion if I understand correctly	10	researc	th, but some familiarity.
11	about	why people are sometimes hesitant	11	Q	Would you say that you have an expertise
12	A	Oh.	12	in that	area?
13	Q	to report suspected child abuse to	13	A	I know more than most academics about it.
14	author	ities; is that correct?	14	It's not	my a core area of expertise.
15	A	That's correct. This is not in my report	15	Q	I'm not sure that answers
16	or a su	bject of my report.	16	A	Okay.
17	Q	How about suspicions of domestic	17	Q	my question.
18	violen	ce, do you feel you have an expertise to	18	I	Do you feel
19	offer o	ppinions about why people would be hesitant	19	A	Again, I
20	to repo	ort suspicions of domestic violence?	20	Q	competent
21	Α	That is not the subject of my report.	21	A	to belabor the point, it it and
22	Q	Do you feel you have an expertise in that	22	acaden	nics don't go around wearing the: I am an
1	area?	Page 391	1	expert.	It depends on the nature of the case. But
2	A	It would depend on the question. But I	1	-	'm familiar with many people who work in
3	do not	consider my ex myself an expert in	!		government in open government. I would
1		tic violence, reporting psychology.	1	-	it as my core research interest, so I would
5		Okay. Do you know if handguns or long	1	_	out yeah.
6	guns a	are used more often in crime?	6	Q	Have you undertaken any I mean have
7	A	I believe handguns are.	7	you pu	blished any works on open government?
8	Q	Do you know why?	8	A	No.
9	Α	I would imagine they're more convenient.	9	Q	Have you obtained any degrees relating to
10	Q	In what way?	10	open g	overnment issues?
11	A	They can be concealed, easier to	11	A	I'm not sure there are any degrees in
12	transp	ort, easier to hide if you're running away.	12	open g	overnment issues, at least called that, so
13	Q	Uh-huh.	13	no.	
14	A	I mean like a variety of reasons, but	14	Q	Have you undertaken any formal studies in
15	yes, th	ose would be some.	15	relation	n to open government issues?
16	Q	Excuse me one second. I'm trying not to	16	A	So I was involved I'll say loosely
17	go ove	er ground we've tread upon already too much,	17	involve	ed with a few projects at Harvard's ethics
18	so w	where at all possible.	18	center	examining open government issues.
19		In your report, do you take issue with	19	Q	What issues did you examine?
20	Dr. Ha	amilton's citation that 89 percent of	20	A	So one issue was and I referenced it
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²¹ accidental shootings of children occur in the home?

A I do not take -- examine or take issue

21 earlier -- with "muckrock," the accessibility of 22 government information, having to most efficiently

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1	Page 394 do FOIAs, how how to a public repository with	1	A	Page 396 Limit. Probably not in the way you mean,
i	FOIAs, where you might be able to actually get	2		ust want to make sure I understand it.
1	datasets somewhat assembled.	3	Q	Uh-huh.
4	There's also a some open government	4	A	Is there any congressional litigation
5	stuff on the nature of political donations, trying	5	that w	ould prohibit me, as an academic, from
6	to have those systematically reported. There was a	6		ng certain
7	group called The Sunlight Foundation out in	7	Q	No, I'm talking about public funding.
8	California who had made some strides with that.	8	A	Oh, public funding. Okay.
9	We had as a gentleman	9	Q	Thank you. That's not
10	Q I'm sorry, that was strides	10	A	Yeah, okay. So I don't know the origins
11	A Some	11	of the	current prohibition that CDC has.
12	Q towards	12	Q	Okay. Have you ever heard of the Dickey
13	A strides	13	Amen	dment?
14	Q open government	14	A	Nope.
15	A in yeah, in so there's	15	Q	Do you know what the Chart Amendments
16	enormous problems with the reporting records of	16	are?	
17	of political nations, everything from people can	17		And I may not be saying that correctly,
18	put multiple addresses, and the names don't match.	18	as I	
19	And there's just technical issues. But it turns	19	A	I'll just go ahead and say no.
20	out once you solve them, you can make wonderful	20	Q	Okay. Are you aware of any researchers
21	maps to connect things that you so I	21	who h	nave used identifying information to
22	Q So in some instances, the availability of	22	identi	fying information meaning you can follow an
1	Page 395 government information can be very useful; is that	1	indivi	Page 397 dual to conduct firearms-related research?
- 1	correct?	2		Off the top of my head, I don't recall
3		3	any.	off the top of my head, I don't recail
4	useful there.	4	O.	Okay. Are you aware of any instances
5		5	*	guns licensure information has been used to
6	study of the causes of gun violence, imposed by	6		whether licensing authorities are doing
	Congress?	i	their	
8		8	,	And by being used to assess, I mean by

- So historically, there have been
- ⁹ limitations on types of research that some agencies
- 10 can fund. So I'm aware of some controversy with
- 11 the Centers for Disease Control about whether those
- 12 can be publicly funded. I'm also aware of a lot of
- 13 privacy donations that are quite enthusiastic about
- 14 funding --
- 15 Q Right.
- 16 A -- such research.
- 17 Q I'm asking you about whether you're aware
- 18 of any congressional limitations that would impact
- 19 the ability of social scientists to study the
- causes of gun violence?
- A When you say impact, you mean --
- 22 Q Limit.

- And by being used to assess, I mean by
- ⁹ someone other than the government itself.
- Gotcha. On an individual basis or --
- Uh-huh.

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- 12 I'm not aware on an individual basis.
- 13 What about in Professor Hamilton's
- report, where she cites various press reports that
- 15 looked at people who were ostensibly licensed to
- possess guns, but had, for example, a federal
- disqualifier from gun possession?
- Do you know what I mean when I say a
- 19 federal --
- 20 A Right --
- 21 -- disqualifier?
- 22 -- right. Yeah, the journalist

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1	Page 398 investigations.	1	Page 400 A In in in New York state generally.
2	Q Yeah.	2	I don't know about Manhattan's quarterly nuances.
3	A And what's the question about it?	3	Q For right now, let's talk about New York
4	Q So are you familiar with those instances?	4	State law
5	A The anecdotically, yes.	5	A Right.
6	Q Did you look into strike that. I'm	6	Q and not any nuances
7	sorry.	7	A Sure.
8	I didn't notice you addressing those in	8	Q in Manhattan. Okay?
9	your report.	9	A Uh-huh.
10	Did you read those articles?	10	Q Okay. So do you know whether you have to
11	A I may have glanced at them, but I did not	11	register a long gun?
12	give them any deep read.	12	A My understanding is you do not.
13	One thing, my initial thought, one from	13	Q Okay. So do you know whether New York
14	that is, it seems me, it's a failure of state	14	State gun licenses have to be renewed?
15	capacity and I refer even, I think worse if	15	A My recollection is that there was some
16	there's a failure of state capacity on this and	16	controversy about that, actually, in recent memory.
17	I think I've I've heard of even worse ones on	17	And I don't know what the current status of that
18	updating year by year, you know, violations and	18	is.
19	felonies and that sort of thing.	19	Q So if someone had a New York State gun
20	And it seems that a a serious area of	20	license and they were, for example, voluntarily
21	concern. It also seems appropriate response would	21	committed in another state, how would licensing
22	be to actually try to get governments to do a	22	officials know about that in New York?
1	better job on that. And the government should have	1	A And when you say licensing officials, you
	the capacity to audit that internally. But I	2	mean the I guess the county sheriffs or or
3	Q So my	1	who are you referring to?
4	A digress.	4	Q Do you know who licensing officials in
5	Q question	5	New York are?
6	A I digress.	6	A So when I looked into trying to access
7	Q was exactly whether you had read	7	these records, my understanding was that at least
8	them. And I think you answered that you glanced at	8	some of them are were possessed by the county
9	them.	9	level. There might also be a some a state
10	But you bring up another issue.	10	presumably there would be also a state repository.
11	Do you know have you ever seen an	11	So your question is: How I take it a
12	actual official New York gun license?	12	general question of how might a variety of
13	A I don't believe I have. And a handgun	13	legitimate concerns about this person's mental
14	license?	14	commitment be related to relevant authorities?
15	Q Yeah, a handgun license.	15	Q Yeah, be related to relevant authorities.
16	A Yeah, I don't think I have.	16	A Relevant authorities?
17	Q Do you know whether you need a license	17	Q Yeah.
18	for a long gun?	18	A So it strikes me that there might be a
19	A My understanding is you do not need to	19	few different mechanisms. One, depending on the
20	purchase you do not need a license to purchase a	20	nature of the commitment, if there's if there,
21	long gun.	21	you know, a if there is a reason that would
22	Q Do you know whether	22	raise a person to be prohibited from buying a gun,

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that's something that could be reflected in the	1	0	What I'm interested in, sir, is this.	

- ² national incident background check system. So that
- 3 would first present -- that would aim to prevent
- ⁴ for future purchases.
- The next thing one might do is
- 6 approach -- have law enforcement reach out to -- to
- ⁷ family or to friends to ask about these things.
- Q What would trigger that?
- A I mean if the people who committed this
- 10 person I guess had some concerns they wanted to
- 11 share with law enforcement.
- Q So it would be voluntary by family
- members or people who knew the gun licensee?
- A Right. And, again, I guess I'm assuming
- 15 that -- you might have to say more about the nature
- 16 of the commitment. Is it short-term, long-term,
- 17 what are they in for, but --
- Q Do you know what the federal law is that
- 19 makes a voluntary commitment a disqualifier from a
- 20 gun possession?
- A I -- I don't know what the latest
- 22 configuration of that is. I think it's a question
- 1 on the forms. And what I don't recall is if it has
- ² a time horizon to it, but --
- Q Okay. So if for some reason law
- ⁴ enforcement wanted to inquire of licensee, they
- ⁵ could. That's one way. Another way is if someone
- ⁶ who knows the licensee felt concerned and took it
- ⁷ upon themselves to inform --
- A Uh-huh.
- Q -- licensing officials, that would be
- 10 another mechanism.
- 11 You said there were some others, I think?
- 12 A Oh, I mean that there would be more
- 13 fortuitous mechanisms. But I think those would be
- 14 the primary -- I mean is the person storing their
- 15 guns at a local gun shop or range, you might reach
- out to them. You might look at their membership.
- ¹⁷ I mean there's gonna be like, I would imagine,
- 18 various ways, if there was a acute concern, that
- 19 law enforcement could try to follow up with the
- person's circumstances.
- 21 Q I'm not asking about acute concern.
 - A Okay.

- ² You know, one thing Professor Hamilton cited was
- 3 that making information about licensees public can
- 4 help in that -- enlist the public and others in
- 5 helping ensure that licensure is appropriate, and
- 6 helping making sure that the people who are getting
- ⁷ licenses qualify for them, that they can lawfully
- possess a gun under federal law, and that they
- maintain that status.
- 10 So my question to you is: How, for
- 11 example --
- 12 A Right.
- Q -- the hypothetical I gave to you is
- 14 somebody has a New York State license. Take it for
- 15 me on faith that --
- 16 A Uh-huh.
- 17 -- it might look like a card --
- 18 Sure.
- 19 -- that they --
- 20 A -- sure.
- 21 Q -- can present to a law enforcement
- ²² officer, for example.

- A Uh-huh.
- But they'd been involuntarily committed
- 3 out of state.
- So how would New York State licensing
- ⁵ officials know about that involuntary commitment?
- A So it sounds like they wouldn't. I think
- ⁷ the larger question, though, is: What are adequate
- 8 remedies for that? I guess like there's many forms
- of personal data that I could imagine having
- enormous State utility.
- 11 Q Actually, I'm -- I'm sorry, I'm --
- 12 A I understand. Keep going.
- Q I think you answered my question. You're
- 14 going onto something else. So let's see.
- So do you believe that any gun laws
- 16 advance public safety?
- 17 A Oh, sure.
- 18 Do you believe that any comport with the
- 19 Second Amendment?
- 20 A Yes, it's possible to have gun laws that
- 21 are consistent with the Second Amendment.
- Q Okay. Like what? What ones do you

1	Page 406 think?	1	Page 408 actual permit. I don't know how it works right now
2	A Oh, I think we one was already alluded	1	if you already have a permit. I presume there's
3	to. Handling firearms intoxicated might be a a	3	some form of mechanism for that.
4	legitimate restriction. The the way the	4	Q Okay. Do you know what the form or
5	background check system gets aim, and gather	5	mechanism looks like, either for the applicant or
6	information about, say, felons, and enabling that	6	for somebody who already has a license?
7	to be used for commercial sale of firearms seems to	7	A I don't recall seeing that.
8	serve a valid purpose and can be done with a good	8	Q Do you know whether there are a lot of
9	amount of efficiency.	9	questions asked if someone's seeking an exemption?
10	The I'm just historically, I	10	A I have not seen that form, no.
11	just I know concerns about the current way Class	11	Q Do you know who reviews the exemption
12	III regs deal with things like automatic firearms	12	application?
13	will seem are reasonable to me. Let's see.	13	A No.
14	There must I'm sure there's a whole host of	14	Q Do you know whether anyone's responsible
15	peculiar things that I would find just fine.	15	for reviewing the exemption
16	Q Can I go back to for a second to your	16	A No.
17	interpretation of Penal Law 400's use of the term	17	Q application?
18	"harassment"?	18	Do you know whether I'm sorry, did you
19	A Uh-huh.	19	answer you didn't know of a single instance where
20	Q So we were talking before, and you opined	20	someone had faced a penalty in regards to
21	that the use of the term "harassment" in Penal Law	21	A Correct.
22	400 has a specific meaning, which you interpret to	22	Q their applic okay.
1	be harassment in the first or second degree; is	1	So when you were discussing the
2	that correct?	2	definition of harassment, you said that harassment
3	A Yes.	3	in the second degree requires that someone engages
4	Q Okay. You further say that there's a	4	in a course of conduct or repeatedly commits acts
5	lack of clarity that could create dangers for	5	which alarm or seriously annoys such other person
6	applicants, because if the applicant is deemed to	- 6	and which serve no legitimate purpose.
7	have knowingly provided false information to a	7	Is that correct?
8	licensing official in support of exempting his or	8	A That's correct.
9	her information from disclosure requirements, they	9	Q Okay. And your opinion here states, A
10	can be subject to penalties; is that correct?	10	pistol permit licensee would have to have reason to
11	A That's correct.	11	believe that disclosure of their name and license
12	Q And you don't know do you know if	12	would subject them through repeated acts which
13	detailing, for the dok you this.	13	
14	Bo you know of anyone who s been subject	14	legitimate purpose, in order to invoke the
15	To savi parameter.	15	exemption, right?
16	11 110.	16	But may not be able to tell whether such
17	Q Do you know have you ever seen	17	
18	WALLE SILVE	18	A I think you added a few words in there,
19	Do you know how someone applies for an	19	compared to what exactly I wrote.
20	The supplies it is the interest of the interes	20	Q Uh-huh.
21	A I my understanding is that now it's something one can seek at the time you seek an	21	A But I believe the basic gist of that is

		,	
1	Page 410 believed they're going to be the subject of	1	that that's language in the law itself. And,
	harassment, as defined by law.	l	again, I I don't know exactly what that means.
3	Q So when someone says have reason to	l	It seems to me there's some ambiguity for a lay
4	believe they may be subject to, that's a subjective	1	reader. So I'm not a lawyer. It struck me as an
i	standard, isn't it?		unclear definition.
6	A Yes.	6	Q Okay.
7	Q So if we go back to and I just want to	7	A But yeah, my lay reading of that is it
8	make sure I understand your opinion here the	8	seemed you'd have to at least establish what's
9	definition of harassment in the second degree.		formally defined as harassment. And the the law
10	It says that someone would be	10	also has this "unwarranted" next to that. And I'm
11	presumably because they possesses a handgun license	11	not sure if that's a new standard, extra standard,
12	or a handgun, subject them to repeated acts which	12	maybe just goes without saying. So it was unclear
13	alarm or seriously annoy them, and which serve no	13	to me.
14	legitimate purpose, right?	14	Q You haven't done any legal research into
15	A I think that's the question begged by	15	whether New York adopts harassment in the first
16	this law. Is that the I mean I'm not a lawyer.	16	degree or second degree as the actual
17	It seems to me these are vague criteria. It's	17	interpretation of harassment in Penal Law 400,
18	unclear to me what exactly constitutes as a lay	18	right?
19	person reading this language, it seems to involve	19	A Neither myself or every if any handgun
20	asserting some belief that one of these conditions	20	permit seeker I guess would have to do research to
21	obtain.	21	really know what
22	But yes, my lay understanding is this	22	Q But you haven't?
1	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Page 411} \\ \text{seems a a somewhat vague, somewhat subjective} \end{array}$	1	A what the standard no, I haven't,
2	thing. But, yeah, that was what I wanted to	2	Q Okay.
3	observe there. But it seems that if you say a few	3	A I'm just a an ordinary person.
4	things that you would need to warrant or testify to	4	Q Okay. When you were talking about the
5	or claim to meet this bar.	5	article you were questioned on earlier regarding
6	Q You mean to meet the bar of harassment	6	partisanship.
7	A Of of	7	A Uh-huh.
8	Q in the second degree, for example?	8	Q Do you remember being questioned about
9	A of harassment, whatever, yeah.	9	that
10	Q Right.	10	A Yes.
11	A Whatever that means.	11	Q by Mr. Dague?
12	Q It is your opinion that determining	12	I don't want to revisit it too much, but
	whether someone who's committed harassment against	13	I want to ask a follow-up question.
14	you in the second degree assuming that's the	14	A Absolutely.
15	appropriate standard	15	Q You indicated that it would be reasonable
16	A Uh-huh.	16	for gun owners to fear that if they are publicly
17	Q for the sake of argument	17	identified as such, they will be the subject of
18	A Uh-huh.	18	bias, which it could occur in many forms, e.g.,
19	Q because you have a handgun, that you	19	explicit, implicit, social, economic, et cetera,
1	would have difficulty determining whether that	20	right?
	harassment is unwarranted?	21	A That's correct.
22	A Well, unwarranted, my understanding is	22	Q What's an implicit form of bias?

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1	A Ah. So you know, I'm thinking of	1	Page 416 domestic violence assailants legally possess a
2	bringing on a new law person to this firm. We're	l l	firearm?
- [all sitting around the table. Someone looks at	3	A I don't.
4	their CV, and looks around the table and says, ah,	4	Q Okay. Do you know any domestic violence
5	this guy or, you know, in some we do I don't	5	incident, if a firearm is present, whether that
	know, you do background research on people or	ı	increases the likelihood that that incident will
7	something. You get their file. And you say, oh,	1	result in a fatality?
1	you know, it looks like they own a gun. You know,	8	A I would imagine almost by tautology its
9	we don't want one of those nuts.	9	presence should hire (sic) their heighten the
10	I mean if somebody explicitly said that	10	risk.
11	around the table, explicitly voiced that as a	11	Q Have you done any research on that topic?
12	concern, and others took it as a reason for a	12	A I've seen research cited that makes that
13	decision.	13	claim.
14	Q Uh-huh.	14	Q Okay. And have
15	A And I think that that's contrasted to	15	A And I would not it would not surprise
16	implicit, which I'm happy to talk about as well if	16	me if that were true.
17	you want.	17	Q Okay. How did you calculate the number
18	Q Right. No.	18	of New Yorkers who possessed a pistol permit?
19	So I think earlier you acknowledged that	19	A Right. I I think I lay out here
20	part of registration, for example, is public record	20	the I wasn't able to come across the actual
21	in New York, correct?	21	lists that were published. I think they were taken
22	A Right	22	down. But I read one report that here it is, on
1	Page 415 Q Do you know of any instance where someone	1	page 7.
2	has suffered in New York I'm talking about	2	This one media outlet reported that
3	A Uh-huh.	3	Westchester County had 16,616 pistol license
4	Q violence, or harassment, or	4	holders. I looked at the population of a larger
5	discrimination well, let me break it down.	5	county. It that suggests approximately 1.7 of
6	A Okay.	6	the population had handgun licenses.
7	Q Violence because of their party	7	Now there's a question how you
8	affiliation?	8	extrapolate that to the larger state. And my sense
9	A No, I don't have documented experience of	9	is Westchester is kind of you know, it's it's
10	that.	10	not the countryside. It's also not downtown
11	Q How about ostracism from their community?	11	Manhattan. But, you know, if you took the entire
12	A My only familiarity with that is what	12	state to have this same rate, it'd be something
13	Doe one of the Doe's said in this case.	13	like 330,000.
14	Q And you already know that one of the Does	14	Q Can I
15	said	15	A If you take sorry
16	A Their	16	Q I'm sorry, I'm
17	Q because Mr. Dague reported that; is	17	A it's
18	that correct?	18	Q going to stop
19	A I was my the specifics, yes. I was	19	A it's a
20	8	20	Q you on that
21	about this, so	21	A yeah, page 7. Sorry.
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Q Okay. Do you know what percentage of

Q No, but I'd like -- that's exactly what I

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Page 418 1 wanted to get at.

Why would you assume -- or on what basis ³ do you assume that outside of New York City other

4 counties have the same rate of licensure?

A Yeah, so as -- as I note here, I -- I

6 actually offer a -- a range. I say, you know,

⁷ suppose we essentially exclude all of New York

⁸ City. And that's a plausible assumption. Say that

9 rates are lower there. And, you know, that would

10 save, you know, at least something like 185,000 if

other counties are like that.

It wouldn't surprise me if some counties

¹³ are more, some counties are less. Presumably, the

14 State could tell us the exact number, which would

15 be -- which would be great. But it seems on some

16 just plausible estimations on that number, we're

probably talking about over 100,000 people.

18 Q Right. So you just -- you deem -- I mean

19 I just want to make sure that I understand --

20 A Yeah.

21 -- the basis of this.

22 You just think it's plausible to assume

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1 that you can extrapolate that number to other ² counties based on what you said in your report;

3 there's no other information that fed that

4 decision?

A I would say my personal understanding is

⁶ I would not expect Westchester to be the highest

⁷ ownership rate. Again, just based on very basic

8 understandings of -- you know, compared to deep

⁹ Upstate New York and whatnot,

So these are general estimates, that I'm

11 just trying to figure, you know, what -- if the --

¹² and it's very clear. If the rest of the state

13 looks something like Westchester, you know, what's

that gonna tell us? And even if you exclude New

York, what's that gonna say?

16 So, yeah, it's a very broad estimate.

¹⁷ And, thankfully, the State I think could tell us

exactly how many.

19 And so I just wanted to --

20 Yeah.

-- just nail this down. Q

22 Yeah. Q I'm correct in understanding you just

² believed that was a reasonable extrapolation,

3 correct?

You didn't sample any other counties?

A Right. And just -- just to make clear,

6 what I'm trying to do here is pretty explicit, just

to say, as a very ballpark range, you know, if

8 this -- if Westchester is similar to the rest of

9 New York, this is what you would expect. If it's

10 not all New Yorkers, what do you expect?

11 So, yeah, you can play with the math or

play with the numbers. It seems like, you know,

we're -- we're not talking about 16 people. Let's

put it that way.

Q Right. So Mr. Dague was asking you

previously about your knowledge of the community in

which Mr. Doe Number 2 lives, I think.

A Right

19 Q I'm going to ask you some -- some other

questions.

21 It seems to me like you underline -- your

22 opinion is an assumption that New York might be a

hostile -- I guess a hostile locale for gun owners.

Does that underlie your opinion?

A Not necess -- I mean I think -- so just

4 to be clear, the -- the research I'm citing earlier

⁵ from AJPS is a general population estimate of

6 people they had used. So the -- the kind of

baseline here is I'm thinking in general in the

⁸ United States. And I -- I don't think anything I

wrote was premised on particular animus exclusive

10 to New York.

Q Right. But you're saying that someone

could be so afraid of others knowing that they

possess a handgun license, that it would chill

their decision to get a handgun license, right?

15 A I think that's what one of the Doe's is

16 saying, yeah.

17 Q Right. Are you saying that, too?

A Well, that strikes me eminently

plausible, yeah.

20 Is it your expert opinion that that's the Q

21 case?

Doe's claim is a claim that I believe.

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1	Q Okay.				rms of discrimina		_
2	A I mean I don't think that individua				btle. They're ye	-	t that
1	I know reasonably that they're lying. A				s it's not that th		
	seems I mean particularly in light of th		4 S	somethir	ng that it occurs to	o me to even	doubt or
1	which, again, is in 2014. Eminently reas		5 (question	, the fact that son	nebody not	what
1	that handgun owners might be concerned	i i	⁶ t	that som	ebody could reas	onable and	and
1	other's perception. And whether explicit	·	⁷ r	rationall	y expect or fear t	his.	
8	or implicitly, even without them even wa	nting	8	Q S	So are you aware	of and just	to start
9	malice, it would negatively affect them.		9 7	you out,	Mr. Dague had a	sked you abo	ut this.
10	Q The partisanship, though, is not]1	.0	W	hen the Safe Act	was passed, i	it included
11	unidirectional, right?	1	.1 S	some of	the exemptions th	hat you talked	d about,
12	A What do you mean?	1	² r	right?			
13	Q Well, it's not just anti gun. It cou	ld ¹	. 3	A U	J h-huh .		
14	be anti people.	1	. 4	Q A	Are you aware of	any other pro	visions
15	Like, for example, anti Safe Act is	1	.5 t	that were	e enacted as part	of the Safe A	ct?
16	something Mr. Dague brought up, right?	1	.6	A S	So I'm yeah, I'm	n sure there's	more
17	A Right.	1	.7 t	than I ca	ın recall. I		
18	Q People could be discriminated aga	ainst 1	.8	Q Y	You don't have to	list them. I j	ust was
19	because they belong to a gun safety organ	nization or 1	.9 1	wonderi	ng		
20	a gun control organization; is that	2	20	A Y	Yeah, and I believ	e there was s	ome
21	A lt's possible.	2	21 (controve	ersy about this iss	ue of renewa	l. And I
22	Q correct?	2	22 (don't ren	nember if it was t	the Safe Act t	hat
1	So I'm just trying to understand why	Page 423	1 i	ntervene	ed on that.		Page 425
2	believe that someone in New York would be	·	2		oo you know whet	her there were	counties
	to this negative effect.		3 2	-	lities within New		
4	A So just to be clear				lecrees if they wou		
5	Q Actually, let's make it more specific			Safe Act	•	aram v compry	***************************************
6	A Okay.		6		I vaguely recall	running acros	ss some
7	Q And maybe that will help you.		7 6		on of this.		
8	What basis do you have to believe, o	ther	8		Oo you know how	many did that	?
9	than what Mr. Dague has reported to you	- 1	9	-	don't recall that.	,	
10	A Uh-huh.		.0		o you know what	localities did	that?
11	Q that Mr. Doe said that he would b	e la	.1		Oon't recall that.		
12	subject to a negative effect?		.2		o you know whet	her any gover	nment
13	A Right. So I have his own testimony	. I	.3 (said that they wou		
14	have anecdotally things I've heard from ma			Act?		r-v	
	owners themselves. We have well construct		.5		seem to recall son	ne controversy	y, which
1	evidence on a general U.S. sample that peo	1	.6 <u>I</u>		was a state legisla	-	
ì	only reward co-partisans but are are willi				n't remember any o	_	- 200
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19 side.

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18 go beyond that, to punish partisans of the other

You know, I mean, look, we have -- we

²¹ have many debates about discrimination of all sorts

²² in our society. And I -- I generally believe that

Did you look into this issue at all?

Backlash to the enactment of the Safe

Enough to observe that there was some.

By issue, you mean?

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²¹ Act.

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1	And it wasn't clear to me the relevance of that to	Page 428 1 Yeah, I mean
	a degree.	² MS. CONNELL: Are you guys following it?
3		3 MR. CHUCK COOPER: I mean if you tell us
4		4 what you need, you know, we'll
5		5 MR. DAVIS COOPER: Why don't you think
6		6 about that.
7		7 MS. CONNELL: Why don't you give Harris
8		8 and I a few minutes. Thanks.
9		9 (Recess)
10		10 BY MS. CONNELL:
11		Q I just have a couple more questions for
12		12 you, Doctor.
13	Q 103.	13 A Sure.
14		i duo
15		a was questioning you
16	•	 earlier, you talked about comparisons in gun violence and statistics between New York and its
17	Q that any articles of publications that	
18	addition to the Suit 1104	neighboring states 18 A Oh yeah
19	•	11 011, 100111
20	bome vondo voloj. Dat no, tino was not a acep area	1
21	01 100001011	11 100,
1	Q Do you know how many New Yorkers belo to the NRA?	
-	Page 4	22 New York versus say Louisiana or Texas? Page 429
1		¹ A I can't name you the specific numbers,
2	Q Gun Owners of America?	² but they're lower in New York.
3	A I do not.	³ Q Right.
4	Q Any other gun or Second Amendment	⁴ A As are accidental drowning by pools,
5	advocacy group?	⁵ because New Yorkers own a small fraction of pools
6	A I do not.	⁶ in New York as well
7	Q Do you know how many New Yorkers belong	⁷ Q Right. So when
8	to the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association?	⁸ A compared to those states.
9	A I do not.	⁹ Q when I get to questioning you on
10	Q Do you know Doe Number 2's job?	10 pools, that's going to be helpful
11	A I do not.	11 A Yeah.
12	Q Do you know his age?	12 Q information
13	A I don't.	13 A Yeah.
14	Q Do you know anything about his social	14 Q but I'm not there yet.
15	life, other than the garden club?	15 A I hear you.
16	A I don't.	Q So New York has a lower incidence of gun
17	Q Okay.	violence than in those states; is that correct?
18	MS. CONNELL: If you give me some time to	18 A That's correct.
19	look through, I can give you	¹⁹ Q Statistically significantly lower
20	MR. CHUCK COOPER: Good. Because we're	e 20 incident?
21	right up against it.	A My belief is again, I can't quote you
22	MR. DAVIS COOPER: Let me see here.	22 to numbers that it has statistically significant

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	Page 430 lower rates of gun violence and lower rates of gun	1	Page 432 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPONENT
1	ownership.	2	
3	Q Okay. You were talking about doing work		acknowledge I have read and examined the foregoing
	in relation to, I think, John Donohue's work; is		
1	that correct?	i	pages of testimony, and the same is a true,
		1	correct, and complete transcription of the
6	A Right.		testimony given by me, and any changes or
7	Q And that was working on, if I understood	_	corrections, if any, appear in the attached errata
8	you correctly, the binary sort of analyses between	8	sheet signed by me.
1	shall issue states and other states; is that	9	
10	A Yeah, it	10	
11	Q right?	11	
12	A was basically trying to improve the	12	
13	granularity of the data so you can get more	13	
14	variation to ask more sophisticated econometric	14	
15	questions.	15	
16	Q Okay. Have you ever studied the reasons	16	
17	that New York has a lower rate of gun violence than	17	
18	some other states?	18	
19	A So there's it seems to be one obvious	19	
20	reason.	20	
21	Q I'm not asking one	21	
22	A Right.	22	Date WILLIAM E. ENGLISH, Ph.D.
1	Q obvious reason.	1	Page 433 CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY PUBLIC
2	A Okay.	2	
3	Q I'm asking you if you've studied that.	3	before whom the foregoing deposition was taken,
4	A Only casually, I'd say.	ŀ	do hereby certify that the witness whose
5	Q Okay.	1	testimony appears in the foregoing deposition
6	A I've certainly read things about this.		was duly sworn by me; that the testimony of
7	It wasn't the subject of my report.	7	said witness was taken by me in stenotypy and
8	Q Okay. Have you ever published on that	8	
	topic?	9	
10	A Not on that topic.	10	-
11	*		to the same of said with the same
12	Q Okay. MS CONNELL: Thank you gir. That's all	l	neither counsel for, related to, nor employed
	MS. CONNELL: Thank you, sir. That's all	12	- yy p to the design in Almen
14	I have.	13	and deposition was writing und, running,
		14	mater and not a retain to or employee or any
15	(11)	15	manage of the parties
16	(Whereupon at 6:20 p.m., the deposition	16	,
17	of WILLIAM E. ENGLISH, Ph.D. concluded.)	17	in the outcome of this action.
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19		19	
20		20	BARBARA A. HUBER, CSR Notary Public, in and for
21		21	the District of Columbia
22		22	My Commission Expires: March 14, 2022

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